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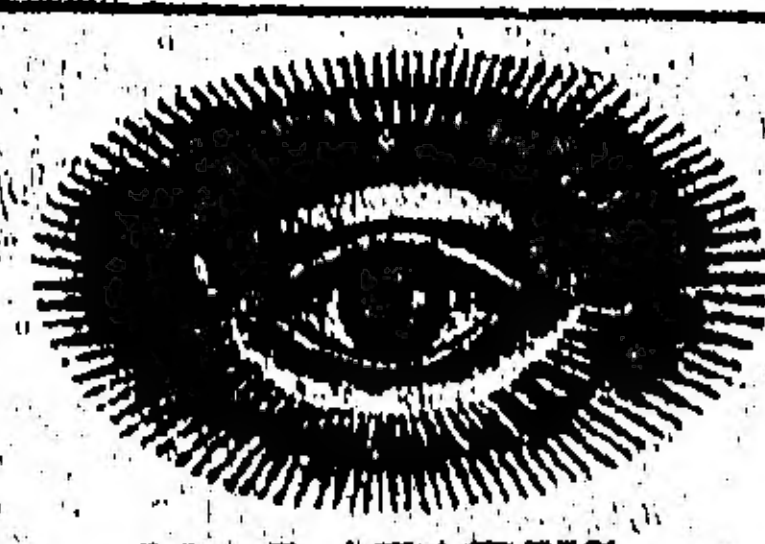
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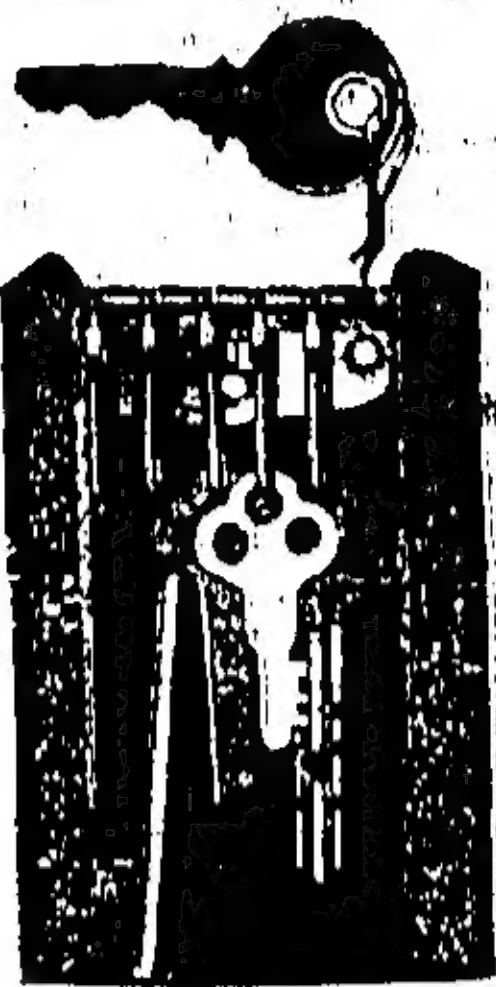
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DOGS EATEN AND HUMAN FLESH OFFERED FOR SALE!

The horrors of the siege of Sian-fu are graphically described by a Chinese refugee who managed to get through the lines and by an English doctor in the city who has written a touching appeal on behalf of the Chinese staff of the Mission Hospital.

Streets Strewn With Dead.

Peking, Dec. 10.

The terrible conditions at Sian-fu were described in a graphic despatch from Reuter's correspondent in the Shensi war zone on November 20 when the city was still under siege and fierce fighting was in progress. A Chinese refugee who managed to get through the lines, though robbed of his money and clothes by the soldiers, told the correspondent that the city streets were strewn with dead. "The poor who died long ago remain where they fell."

The soldiers were robbing the people of all supplies, and food could not be purchased, though human flesh was offered for sale. Many people were subsisting on bean-cakes normally used as cattle food or fertilizer.

All dogs had vanished from the streets. The troops were living on horse flesh, millet and flour, including husks.

Touching Appeal.

A touching appeal on behalf of the Chinese staff of the hospital, which the combined missionary forces at Sian-fu were running has been made in a letter from Dr. Clement Stockley of the English Baptist Mission, which reached the Rev. Shields of the same mission.

Writing from Sian-fu on November 19, Dr. Stockley urges that efforts be made to get permission for the hospital staff to leave the city for their homes.

"We are truly in a desperate state. Nothing but starvation stares us in the face. Hundreds are dying in the city daily. It is impossible to buy food."

Plight of Foreigners.

"You cannot understand the state of affairs. It is just simply awful. It is difficult to bury all that die of starvation. Many lie in the streets for days unburied and uncare for."

"We foreigners can last about two weeks if we are allowed to keep the little we have."

CANTON STEAMERS.

EX-SEAMEN TO RESUME TO-MORROW?

SETTLEMENT REPORTED.

In river shipping circles it is reported that negotiations between the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., have now reached a stage where an immediate settlement is possible.

Details are not available, but it is believed that the seamen employed by the company prior to the strike will be reinstated in various stages, as and when convenient, beginning to-morrow when the first batch is to return. Meanwhile there is no change in the state of affairs at Canton with regard to the company's traffic.

It is thought that in a week or ten days, the process of reinstatement will have been completed, and then conditions will have become normal again.

NEW COMMODORE HERE.

Succeeding Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling as officer in charge of Naval establishments at Hong Kong, Commodore J. L. Pearson, R.N., arrived in Hong Kong this morning on the "Malwa," accompanied by his family and secretary.

Commodore Pearson was met on arrival by Rear-Admiral Stirling, who will be leaving for Home to-morrow on the "Macedonia."

As from to-morrow, the new Commodore will take over duties and he is staying on H.M.S. "Tamar."

UNIONS' TYRANNY.

Gen. Chang Kai-shek's Warning.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

Picketing and Lockouts Strictly Forbidden.

The Political Council, at a conference this week, decided that:

"Arbitrary arrests of people by worker unions will be prohibited. "Picketing of streets with arms is strictly prohibited."

"Workers strictly forbidden to blockade factories or shops which, in turn, should not be allowed to be closed by the employers without cause."

"Seizure of any articles from any factory or shop by workers should be forbidden."

Must Arbitrate!

"For the sake of safeguarding the Revolution and public interests, the decision made by an Arbitration Committee should be considered as binding and will be carried into effect by the Government."

"WORSE."

Japanese Emperor's Condition.

BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

The Imperial Household issued a bulletin yesterday evening, stating that the Emperor's condition is worse, with symptoms of bronchial pneumonia in the right lung.—Reuter.

ment by force, if necessary, in cases of disputes arising among workers in the following enterprises, viz: manufacture of military equipment, business concerning currencies, business concerning communications, all industries that vitally concern the lives of the people."

Those present at the conference included General Tam Yen-kai (chairman), Mr. Ku Meng-yu (one of the Boycott Conference delegates), General Li Tsai-sum (chief of staff to Chang Kai-shek and acting commander-in-chief at Canton) and Mrs. Liao Chung-kai.

Chang's Stern Warning. General Chang Kai-shek has personally issued, from Military Headquarters, a proclamation against illegal or unauthorized arrests. It reads:

"The public is hereby notified that persons, guilty of infractions of the law, can be arrested only in accordance with legal procedure. It has been learned that organized labour unions have been making arbitrary arrests, and have even conducted trials and inflicted punishment. Such acts are absolutely illegal and are strictly forbidden, as they are subversive to public order."

"All classes of people are hereby warned that any repetition of the above-mentioned illegal acts will entail immediate arrest and severe punishment."

(Sd.) Chang Kai-shek.

Bank Clerks' Strike.

Through Government mediation, the Canton bankers have secured a temporary advantage in the trouble with their clerks.

When the authorities stopped in, the clerks union decided that a return to work should be made as from yesterday, prior to the bankers making an announcement to-day.

In other words, the employers have insisted on the employees calling off their strike before coming out into the open to discuss the demands for higher salaries.

Request By Banks. In connection with the bank strike, the "Canton Gazette" reports:

"Regarding the strike of bank clerks, the Political Council decided that an Arbitration Committee should be organized, composed of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Labour (as chairman), the

Continued at foot of next column.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/11 1/16.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

HOW THE BOATS WERE BURNED.

Further Graphic Details.

SOLICITOR'S "BREEZE" WITH THE MAGISTRATE.

The hearing of the case against twenty men who, it is alleged, participated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" of November 15, was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The chief interest of this morning's hearing was a hint, which emanated from the Crown Solicitor, that the case against the 19th prisoner might be dropped. "I may say," said Mr. Holmes, "that very careful inquiries are being made with regard to this man. In the absence of Mr. Gordon Leask (defending) I will not say more now."

Special additional precautions for the escort of the twenty prisoners from the jail to the Court were taken this morning, a squad of Sikhs, armed with carbines, being drawn up between the jail gates and the Magistracy—a distance of approximately only forty yards. The armed Sikhs were afterwards stationed across the back of the Court.

During the course of the proceedings a heated dispute arose between the Magistrate and Mr. Leo d'Almada, who is defending the 2nd accused.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, is conducting the prosecution. Mr. Leo d'Almada is defending the 2nd accused, Mr. M. K. Lo the 6th accused and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask the 19th—the Ningpo man.

Mr. Leask was not present in Court this morning.

2nd Officer Recalled.

Recalled to the witness box at the commencement of this morning's hearing, Mr. Orr, 2nd Officer of the "Sunning" said that he also saw the "aft" port boat set fire to. He saw no movement near the boat, but saw two men fall over-board. The fire was burning fiercely.

An Armistice Offer?

Witness said that he heard a Chinese passenger call out that if the Captain would hand over the arms, the pirates would assist in putting out the fire. The man spoke in faultless English. The Captain replied that under no circumstances would he accede to the request.

Witness went on to say that he was present when the Captain held an identity parade, but did not personally identify anyone. He then went to the fore-cabin where he found the 7th prisoner being roughly handled by the crew. Witness took charge and tied up the man with a rope. At an earlier stage another identification parade was held on the main deck. Witness was

Chief of the Merchants and Labour Departments of the Provincial Kuomintang, one representative of the banking circle, and a representative of the Bank Clerks' Union. Final settlement should be made within 48 hours.

This action comes as a result of a request by the banks for action on the part of Governmental organizations.

SWATOW RIOT.

Labour Trouble Cause Merchants To "Strike."

That excesses have been committed by armed workers in Swatow is evident from the following, also called from the "Canton Gazette":

Investigation and report of the details of the murder of one shop assistant and the wounding of three by armed workers in Swatow on Dec. 3 is ordered by the Department of Agriculture and Labour in a letter sent to the Mayor of Swatow yesterday.

The assistant who was murdered was employed in the Shun Tai shop. The three who were wounded worked in other shops. The assailants are reported to have been members of the Swatow General Labour Union. The assault resulted in a riot, it is said, and has been followed by a strike of the merchants.

there from beginning to end, but did not recognise any man. Mr. Holmes: You have already identified numbers 1, 2, 7 and 20. Can you identify any more?—Yes No 8.

Mr. Holmes: Did you see him during daylight?—Yes.

Mr. Holmes: Was he armed?—Yes, he had a Winchester rifle. Witness said that he could not identify any of the other men in Court.

Mr. Holmes: Do you identify No. 19?—Yes, he is the ship's carpenter. He took no part in the piracy.

Mr. Holmes (to the Magistrate): As Mr. Leask is not here, I should like to have that taken down, as I may have to make an application later on.

Continuing, witness said that he saw the 6th defendant standing talking to a wounded man—the 20th prisoner. He could not say that he had seen him participating in the piracy. Witness received certain information from a mess boy and consequently No. 6 was arrested and put on board H.M.S. "Bluebell."

In answer to the 1st prisoner, witness stated: "I first saw you at 4 o'clock on the saloon deck. You were carrying a rifle. You were walking up and down the deck. I certainly saw you on and off until 10 p.m."

Breeze With the Bench.

Mr. d'Almada: At what time, approximately, did the "Bluebell" first come on the scene?—His Worship: Surely that is a waste of time?

Mr. d'Almada: I want to know the time.

Mr. Lindsell: You have heard it from other witnesses.

Mr. d'Almada: But I want to hear it from these witnesses.

Mr. Lindsell: It is a waste of time.

Mr. d'Almada: Does your Worship hold that I am not entitled to ask the question?

Mr. Lindsell: No.

Mr. d'Almada: Then I must insist upon an answer.

Mr. d'Almada repeated the question to which witness replied that the man-o-war arrived on the scene at daylight.

Mr. d'Almada asked no further questions.

Mr. Lo Cross Examined.

Mr. Lo asked the witness whether he agreed that from what he saw there was a deliberate setting fire to the boats and centre castle of the ship, and that by leaving in the boats the pirates deliberately planned to murder everyone on board and thereby leave no trace of the piracy.

Witness: Yes. That is my opinion.

Mr. Lo: That would be the most effective way of destroying all evidence of the piracy?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Do you remember if a conversation took place in the Chief Officer's cabin between the No. 1 pirate and those present?—Yes.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is: N. E. winds, fresh to moderate; fair.

At 11.45 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased moderately over S. E. Manchuria, central China, S. W. Japan and the Loochoos. Slightly elsewhere.

Meteorological observation at 8 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.09; temperature 63; humidity 67; wind E. N. E. force 8; weather overcast.

When two men arrested for smoking illicit opium should have appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning it was found that one had jumped his bail of \$50. "You will pay a fine of \$80," said the Magistrate to the man who had put in an appearance.

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The times of high- and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Dec. 10 to 16, 1926.				
High Water		Lower Water		
DATE	Standard Times	Ht.	Standard Times	Ht.
Fri. 10	2 53a	4.5	7 40	4.1
Sat. 11	m 3 23	7.4	m 5 41	4.2
Sun. 12	m 3 04	7.7	m 5 38	4.4
Mon. 13	m 1 44	5.8	m 9 37	2.8
Tues. 14	m 3 44	5.8	m 10 35	1.0
Wed. 15	5 38a	4.0	10 15 a	1.1
Thurs. 16	m 4 49	5.8	m 11 39	4.3
	m 5 18a	5.5		
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	m 7 27a	6.3	m 1 14	2.6
	m 7 28a	6.9	m 0 23a	2.8

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海狗油	每箱	40	24	24
海狗油	each	45	30	—
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海狗油	每箱	45	30	—

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火沙山	each	—	—	—
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.....	杏仁	lb.	45	35	—
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.....	山香	"	5	4	—
.....	楊桃	"	14	12	—
.....	山桃	"	12	10	—

... 椰 子	each	12	10	10
... 椰 子	lb.	12	7	0
... 金 山 椰 子	each	7	8	0
... 荔 枝 干	lb.	33	25	30
... 新 會 甜 橙	"	10	—	—
		15	—	15

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		20	—	15
		45	—	—

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.....	each	3	8	8
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紅	瓜	"	8	5	8
芥	菜	"	8	5	12
菜	菜	"	13	12	—
花	菜	"	3	—	—
大	菜	each	35	—	—

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.....	蒜頭		"	10	0	6

子老	薑	7	7	—
ghai, (辣)	薑	5	10	—
栗	米	30	8	4
鐵生	栗	—	45	—
	生	8	1	—

馬蹄	10	—	8
桂林馬蹄	12	—	8
鮮草花	—	—	8
	15	1	10
穿蔥頭	8	8	8

生	上	海	縣	4	6	—
生	上	海	縣	7	6	—
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生	上	海	縣	5	8	—
生	上	海	縣	5	8	—

金山	杆	8	8	10
冬瓜	瓜	5	4	4
紅腰	杆	5	—	—
大干	黃	—	—	10
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NOTIFICATION.**

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F. HAYLEY BELL,
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Office of Chinese Maritime Customs
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Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1303
Taikoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (alterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

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**VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR
THE WEEK.**
CAMP REMINDERS.

Extracts from the week's orders (issued to-day) of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps read:—

Scottish and Engineer Co.
These two Companies will go into camp to-day.
Attendance is a condition for efficiency.

[Full particulars were given a fortnight ago.]

Artillery Company.

City and Taikoo Sections will parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.

Tai Lam Camp: The Artillery Co. will go into camp at Tai Lam for the two week-ends, Jan. 8-9 and 15-16. All members will be expected to attend under the new efficiency regulations and they should also make a point of attending as many weekly parades as possible before camp. Further particulars as to arrangements will be issued later.

Engineer Company.

Field Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday.

D. E. L. Section parade at Belcher's Fort at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday.

Signal Section parade at Headquarters on Monday and Thursday.

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Armoured Car Company.

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Dismounted Machine Gunners: Starting on Monday, special classes at Headquarters in night firing and indirect fire.

Infantry Company.

Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 5.30 p.m., at Headquarters, all N.C.O.'s of the Company under C.S.M. Slattery, musketry class at miniature range; also a Lewis Gun class at Headquarters.

There will be no parade on Dec. 23.

Annual Camp.

The Infantry Company will attend camp during the week-end, Dec. 17-19.

Attendance in camp is a condition for efficiency.

It is hoped that members will be able to get out by the evening trains on Friday, Dec. 17, for Saturday to count as a full day's training; members must arrive before 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18.

O.C. Infantry Company will report to Headquarters before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15 the number of members attending camp, so that rations can be arranged.

TIME TABLE FOR TRAINS.

From Kowloon to Fanning:—
Friday evening:—5.29 p.m. and 7.21 p.m.
Saturday morning:—6.40 a.m.

From Fanning to Kowloon:—
Sunday evening: 5.20 p.m.

RAILWAY WARRANTS.

Arrangements are being made with the Railway to issue second-class return tickets to Fanning for other ranks.

The senior N.C.O., or man present will be responsible for the names are ticked off on the list at the booking office as the tickets are issued.

Baggage: Members wishing to have their baggage sent to the camp at Fanning must deliver it, clearly labelled with the owners' names at Headquarters by 2.30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

Rifles and bayonets are not on any account to be left in camp during mid-week.

Bedding will be drawn from the store tent by members sleeping in camp, and returned before members leave on the Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Arms: May be drawn from Headquarters, between the following hours:—

From Monday, 13th to Thursday, 16th December:—9 a.m. to 12 noon, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and, on

Friday, Dec. 17, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon only.
Dress: Marching order, i.e., helmets, rifles, bayonets, belts, sidearms, pouches, braces, haversacks, waterbottles, great-coats, tunics, shorts, puttees and boots.

STRENGTH.

The following recruits are taken on the strength:—Gunner T. A. Martin, Artillery Co., Private R. F. Strange, No. 2 Platoon.

Promotions.

The following promotions take effect from Dec. 6.

Armoured Car Co.—Corpl. E. J. J. Spradbery to be Lance-Sergeant; Lance-Corporal L. E. Curwood to be Corporal; Pte. W. C. Clark to be Corporal.

Reversion.

Lance-Corporal J. T. Prior, Engineer Co., is permitted to revert to the rank of Sapper at his own request.

Transfers.

Pte. J. H. Gelling, Armoured Car Co., is permitted to transfer to the Reserve Co.; Spr. J. T. Prior is transferred from the Field Section to the Signal Section; Engineer Co.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

Pte. K. A. Mason, from Dec. 3 to Mar. 2; Pte. J. R. Hinton, from Dec. 6 to Dec. 20; Pte. F. S. Gurney, from Dec. 4 to Mar. 3; Pte. C. E. L. Grist, from Dec. 3 to Dec. 2, 1927.

Resignations.

The following are permitted to resign on payment of \$20:—Spr. P. E. Knight; Piper E. Moore.

Mrs. Compton-Smith left Liverpool on Nov. 8 for Hong Kong to become the wife of Major G. L. Peterson, R.A.S.C. Barely has the House of Commons been moved than when Sir Hamar Greenwood, at that time Chief Secretary for Ireland, read the last letter written by Major Geoffrey Lees Compton-Smith to his wife, after being captured by Sinn Feiners while unarmoured at Blarney. Even his captors were inspired by the gallant spirit in which he accepted the situation.

Mrs. Compton-Smith is Gladys Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. M. Lloyd of Winchester, Hants. Her first husband was a major in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and had been wounded in action at the time of their marriage in 1916. Mrs. Compton-Smith was awarded £10,000 in the Recorder's Court of Cork after the great tragedy of her life.



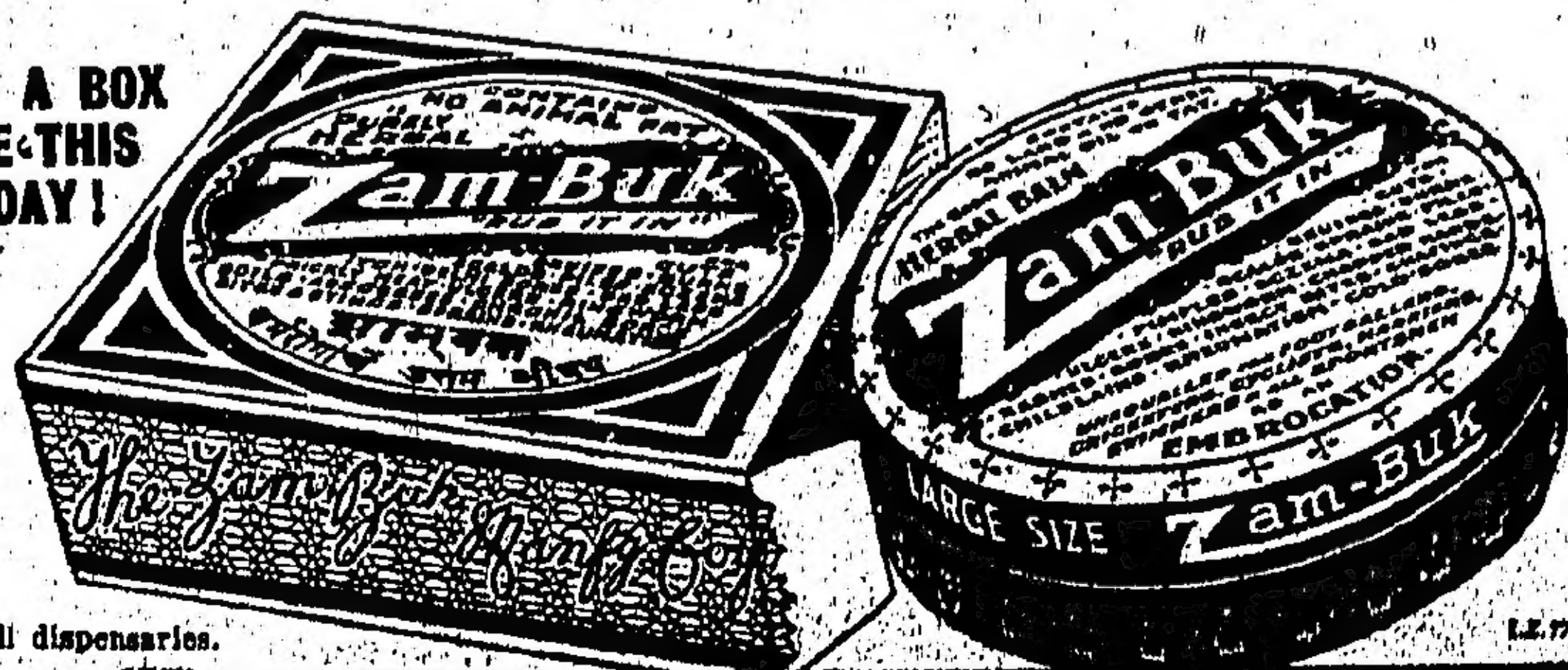
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OFFICER'S EXPERIENCE.

The following, written by one of the senior officers on the West River, may be of interest to our readers, but it must be borne in mind that it was written primarily for insertion in his old school magazine. Having remarked that Hong Kong has just escaped a threatened typhoon which had commenced to recurve away, and that he had returned from an up-river trip and was at Macao, he continues:—"I visited a place called Kum Chuk, where the rapids were a splendid and thrilling sight to watch, the river being in flood. The water falls about six feet and there is a dangerous pyramidal sea in consequence, but the Chinese, with their usual skill in towing and junk handling, shoot these rapids and are towed up with much burning of crackers to keep the devils away and to make a safe passage. Unfortunately, it did not work the other day, and one of them capsized and drowned 800—but that is unusual. I hadn't been a week on the river before I fell into 200 pirates attacking three tows of junks. They were lining a bank close to which the tow had to pass, and the method is to fire into them and cause a panic. The result is that the fellow towing slips his tow through funk, and they go full ahead and leave the poor devils to face the music. They are a chicken-hearted lot and one has a very poor opinion of their fighting qualities; also, they are arrogant, cruel and astonishing liars. All tows are armed and covered with netting to keep the pirates from clambering on board. At the head of each tow is what they call a war-junk, i.e., one with muzzle loaders on the broadside, especially to protect the others; and for which privilege the merchants pay a lot. Directly fire was opened on them with the foremost three-inch, they fairly boiled, and a good many were afterwards captured, as well as their launch, etc."

WORLD THEATRE.

**"MARRIED FLIRTS" TO-DAY
AND TO-MORROW.**

"Married Flirts," the picturisation of "Mrs. Paramor," Louis Joseph Vance's novel, is a feature film. It is the first production for Metro by Robert G. Vignola, director of "When Knighthood Was in Flower," "Yolanda," and other successes.

Mr. Vignola, early in his motion picture career, directed Pauline Frederick in a series of pictures, and when he read the Vance novel he decided to film it with Miss Frederick in the title role, feeling there was no one as well equipped as she to play a part that requires such a wealth of emotional and dramatic power. Miss Frederick was delighted to create the role, and so a former screen combination was once more renewed.

The cast of "Married Flirts" comes in the category of "notable." Besides Miss Frederick, it includes Conrad Nagel, Mae Busch, Huntly Gordon, Alice Hollister, Patterson Dial and Paul Nicholson.

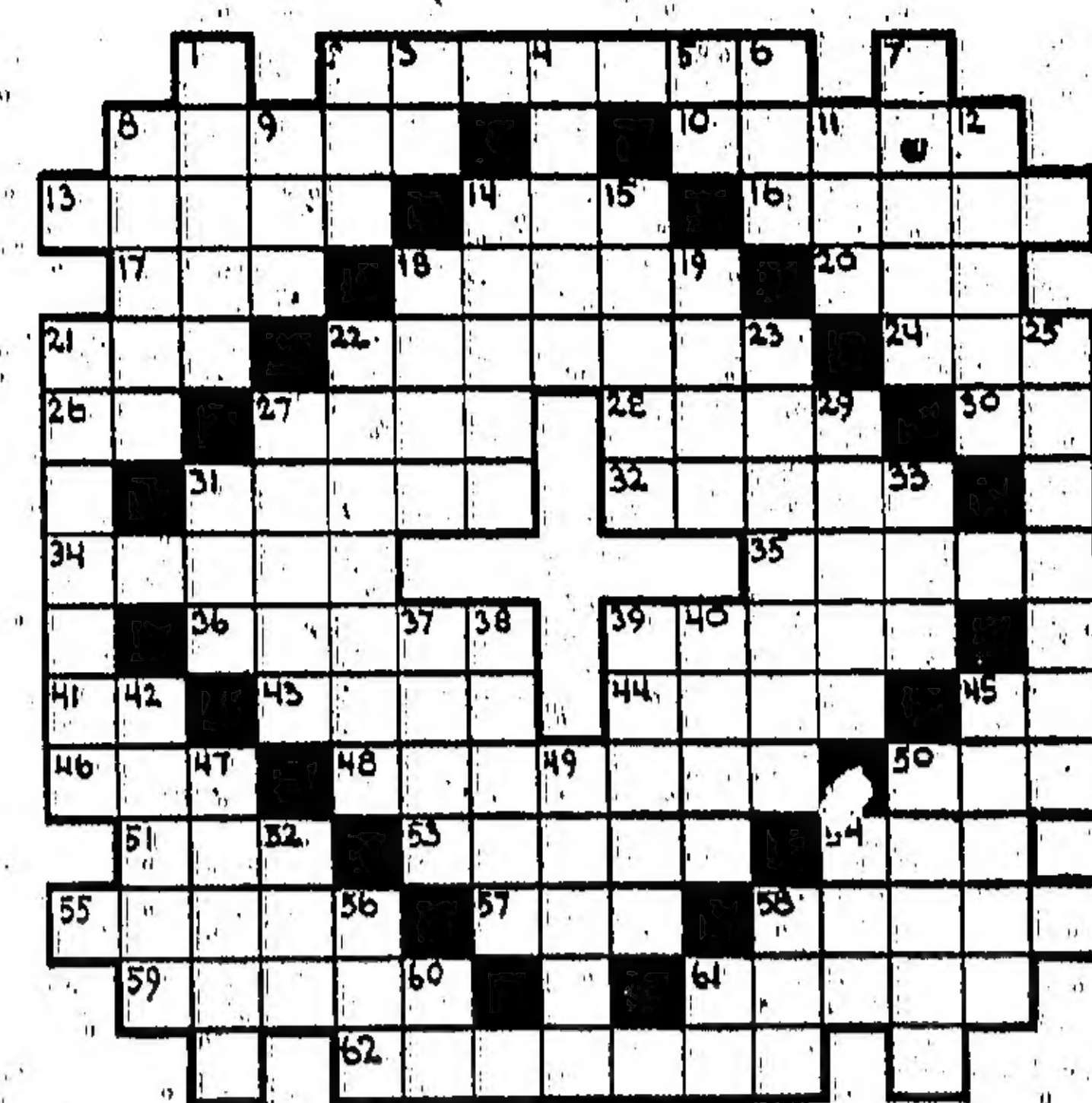
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(The cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert, but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL
1-Complete equipment of a warrior
5-A clinched metal pin
10-Fertile spot in a desert
13-Hue
14-Wooden pin
15-A double tooth
17-A bird's crop
18-A Roman ruin
20-To fondle
21-Football enthusiast
22-Gratified
23-To perch
24-An article
27-To pass by lightly
28-Trolley car (English)
30-Not any
31-Pile
32-Mexican title of address
34-Sways in walking
35-Seize
36-A nick
38-To gather
41-White
42-River in Africa
43-Thrown with force
45-Church of England (abbr.)
46-Still | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
48-A vegetable (pl.)
50-A fish
51-A large bone of the body
52-Clamor
53-Boy's nickname
56-Parsons unable to speak
57-Negative adverb
58-Musical sounds
59-Municipal officer
61-To visit frequently
62-Substance made by bees | VERTICAL (Cont.)
19-Such and no more
21-Part of a golf course
22-Capable of being mended
23-Fertile
25-Tattered and fell
27-One guilty of a felony
29-Virtuous
31-Female fowl
33-Hastened
37-A tribe
38-A wading bird
39-Apparition
40-A stringed instrument
42-Watery part of the blood
43-A celestial body
47-One having gigantic strength
49-Turnula
50-Prudent
52-Turkish title of nobility
54-French coin
56-To weep convulsively
58-Throat
60-Prefix meaning "against"
61-Ejaculation |
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(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR DEC., 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December	a.m.	p.m.
10	6.52	5.40
11	6.53	5.40
12	6.53	5.40
13	6.54	5.40
14	6.54	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.55	5.41
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.45
26	7.00	5.45
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.01	5.47
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.48
31	7.03	5.49

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

ABATED	SCHEME
BEHIND	TRADER
IT	MINNIES
DID	TEARS
EDENS	M STINT
DEFY	TEA EGGS
EMBOSSING	
SLAP	YAK OLGA
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REDUCE	NAILER
SNOOT	DREADS

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on November 1, 1926:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	30'10" B. 5'6" B.	
Tytam Byewash	28'5" B. 8'2" B.	
Tytam Intermediate	11" A. Level	
Tytam Tuk	6'11" B. 0'6" B.	
Wong Nei Chung	14'4" B. 11'5" B.	
Fokfulum	13'4" B. 5'4" B.	

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	174.58	339.12
Tytam Byewash	35	11.75
Tytam Intermediate	202.06	195.90
Tytam Tuk	1,251.92	1,405.98
Wong Nei Chung	14.35	17.15
Fokfulum	37.22	54.38

Total 1,680.59 2,024.23

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October:—

	1925	1926
Consumption	253.20	253.89
Estimated Population	305,550	405,900
per day (gallons)	21.0	22.6

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during October 1925 and 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	810'74	811'8
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	811'8	Level

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	294.48	351.63
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	88.48	100.80

382.96 452.43

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of October.

	1925	1926
Consumption	74.74	78.54
Estimated population	152,240	157,500
per day (gallons)	18.3	16.1

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S.S. "FIUME" Sails on or about 5th Feb., 1927.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE.

From Hong Kong.

M.V. "ESQUILINO" Sails on or about 10th Dec.

S.S. "VENEZIA" Sails on or about 7th Jan., 1927.

S.S. "ROMOLO" Sails on or about 4th Feb., 1927.

S.S. "FIUME" Sails on or about 4th March, 1927.

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MANILA MARU Monday, 17th January.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

TACOMA MARU Friday, 10th December.

UGA MARU Wednesday, 15th December.

SUMATRA MARU (Calls at Penang) Sunday, 19th December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CALCUTTA MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.

MEXICO MARU Wednesday, 22nd December.

BINGO MARU Saturday, 25th December.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

KOHMO MARU End of December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ARIZONA MARU (From Shanghai) Tuesday, 14th December.

HAIPHONG—via HOIHOW & PAKH OI.

TAIKWA MARU Saturday, 11th Dec., 10 a.m.

MENADO MARU Friday, 24th Dec., 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

Hamburg Maru (From Kobe) Wednesday, 15th December.

JAPAN PORTS.

ATLAS MARU Sunday, 12th December.

HONOLULU MARU Monday, 13th December.

SEATTLE MARU Friday, 24th December.

KRELLING via SWATOW & AMOY.

MENADO MARU Saturday, 11th December.

KAJO MARU Sunday, 12th December, 10 a.m.

FUKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.

KOTSU MARU Thursday, 16th Dec., 8 a.m.

FUKAO and KRELLING.

SOURABAYA MARU Friday, 24th December.

DAIDEN via HIFUO and TSINGTAU.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

ENGINE TROUBLE.

FRENCH COALER COMES TO HONG KONG.

12 DAYS FROM HAIPHONG.

Through engine trouble developing and encountering bad weather after leaving Haiphong on Nov. 23, the French cargo steamer "Raymond Poincare" put into Hong Kong yesterday for water and stores.

She has on board 2,400 tons of coal.

The owners of this vessel of 1,197 (registered net) tons are Messrs. Lepique and Co. of Haiphong. Messrs. Yick Cheong are the local agents.

RED STAR LINE.

ROYAL MAILS OFFER TO BUY.

New York, Dec. 9.

The transfer of 436 vessels aggregating 330,000 tons is involved in an offer by the Royal Mail Steamship Company to purchase the Leyland and Red Star lines from the International Mercantile Marine, whose directors consider the offer favourable.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW B. I. VESSEL.

LAUNCHING OF THE "STR. ROHNA."

The latest addition to the fleet of the British India Steam Navigation Company is the liner "Rohna," which has been launched by Messrs. Hawthorne, Leslie and Co., Limited, at Hebburn-on-Tyne.

The vessel has many new features in addition to the spacious accommodation which has been provided for first and second class passengers. There are large public rooms situated on the bridge deck, while the captain's, officers' and engineers' cabins have been constructed on a level with the flying bridge. At each end of the boat deck accommodation is provided for three wireless operators. This is one of the latest plans of having all ships' officers and engineers berthed in houses above passenger accommodation so that the whole of the boat deck is allocated for officers' quarters.

This is as it should be, for in older days officers were confined in small cabins which added greatly to their discomfort in tropical climates, whereas now they will be clear of all passenger and cargo traffic. Moreover, an excellent service of ventilation known as the "Punkah Louvre" system will keep all the rooms throughout the ship cool.

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SEA HEROES.

RESCUERS OF "CITY OF NAPLES" CREW.

The King, upon the recommendation of the President of the Board of Trade, has awarded the Silver Medal for Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea (Foreign Services) to Lieut. Commander S. Sakabe and Leading-Seaman K. Kanai, of His Imperial Japanese Majesty's ship "Kasuga."

In addition, the Board of Trade has awarded pieces of plate to His Imperial Majesty's ships "Urakaze" and "Kashuwa," and also to Captain Jirohachi Ishikawa, master of the Japanese steamship "Chetoo Maru," of Tokyo.

The steamship "City of Naples," of Liverpool, with 73 hands on board, stranded on the Zenisu Rock, Japan, in the early morning of June 15 last, and soon afterwards broke in two, the crew splashing on the after-part of the vessel, which remained fast on the rock.

A north-easterly gale was blowing, with a high confused sea. Assistance was given by the three Japanese vessels mentioned, and some of the men were rescued. Lieut. Commander Sakabe and Leading-Seaman Kanai, both of the "Kasuga," gallantly swam to the wreck from a lifeboat, and did not leave until the last survivor had left in safety.

"Met a cyclone on Dec. 7," reports the "Bokuyo Maru" on arrival here this morning from Moji.

On arrival from Fort Bayard this morning, the "Hydrangea" reported "Strong N.E. wind and high head sea."

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Macedonia (5,667 tons) British, from Shanghai; M. M. & Co.—10 tons cargo for Hong Kong, 1,500 tons for ports beyond, 73 passengers.

Delta (4,739 tons) British, from Yokohama, Shanghai; M. M. & Co.—73 tons H.K., 1,546 tons beyond, 3 passengers.

Anhui (2,080 tons) British, from Singapore, Amoy; B. & S.—400 tons H.K.

Luchow (1,221 tons) British, from Shanghai, Amoy; B. & S.—592 tons H.K., 45 passengers.

Raymond Poincare (1,197) French, from Haiphong; Yick Cheong—2,400 tons coal beyond.

Esquilino (5,415 tons) Italian, from Yokohama, Shanghai; Doddwell & Co.—3,520 tons beans beyond.

Kathe (906 tons) German, from Canton; Kwong Mow Tai.

Bokuyo Maru (6,177 tons) Japanese, from Valparaiso; Moji; N.Y.K.—503 tons H.K., 20 passengers.

Nishin Maru (1,402 tons) Japanese, from Dairen; Suzuki & Co.—1,500 tons beyond.

Tak Hing (105 tons) Chinese, from Au Tau; Fook Hoi—1½ ton H.K., 94 passengers.

Later Arrivals.

Malwa (5,973 tons) British, from London, Singapore; M. M. & Co.—262 tons H.K., 600 tons beyond, 197 passengers.

Hydrangea (561 tons) British, from Fort Bayard, Chiu Oh—82 tons H.K., 375 passengers.

Departures.

For Dairen: Roko Maru.

For Canton: Szechuen.

For Kwong-chow-wan: Tai Sze Ma.

For Au Tau: Tak Hing.

For Weihaiwei: Chipshing.

For Swatow: Soochow.

For Haiphong: Perlak.

For Singapore: Kwayo Maru.

Van Overstraten, Esquilino.

Clearances.

For Muntok: Tijlebolt.

For Canton: Yatshing.

For Manila: Coblenz.

For Haiphong: New Mathilde.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British	36
American	1
German	2
Panama	1
Norwegian	4
Japanese	5
Chinese	16
Dutch	5
Portuguese	2
French	3

Total 74

Dec. 9:—arrivals 10, departures 10.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Taklwa" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 8, and is due here on Dec. 13, at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 8, at noon, and is due here on Dec. 13, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 4, and is due here on December 23.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Among the passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the s.s. "Malwa" on Dec. 10 were:—

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EFFECT OF AN EXPOSURE.

Few of us would believe, on first thought, that cannon balls sunk in the sea for nearly 300 years would become red hot on exposure to the air and then fall to pieces like so much dried mud. Yet the fact is well attested in documents of the British Navy. The data presented below were furnished by Mr. John S. Carpenter, and were originally obtained from the 1832 edition of Trautwine's "Civil Engineer's Handbook."

The "Mary Rose," which in her day was as proud a vessel as any that sailed the British waters, and which is said to have taken part in the battle with the Spanish Armada, was raised after having lain in Davy Jones' locker for 255 years. When she sank, she was armed with brass cannon and some that were built of wrought iron bars, hooped together. The brass cannon were badly honey-combed in spots, that is, locally and not on the entire surface. It was thought that the local corrosion was due to iron having been in contact with the brass at those places. The wrought iron cannon were rusted down about 30 inch deep all over, and flaked off very readily. The cast iron shot or cannon balls, when raised to the surface where the air had access to them, gradually became red hot and then fell in many small pieces like dried mud.

The "Edgar," a vessel of a later period, gave up some of her cannon and other metal parts after having been sunk for 134 years, as did the "Royal George" after some 65 years. General Pasley, who made the official examinations of the metals recovered, reported that in the great majority of cases the cast iron had become quite soft and that it greatly resembled plumbago. Some of the shot, when exposed to the air, became very hot and exploded into many pieces.

The wrought iron, in this case, was not so much injured, except when in contact with copper or brass gun metal, showing that electrolysis was at work at these places. Neither the copper, nor the gun metal was injured, except when iron had been in contact with them. A few pieces of wrought iron were reworked by a blacksmith, who declared that its quality was better than that of modern wrought iron. Some of the cast iron guns were removed in their soft state to the Tower of London, where, after some four years they resumed their probable original hardness.

In the case of a vessel that has been sunk in the fresh waters of the Delaware River for over 40 years, the cast iron cannon raised were found perfectly free from rust.

Unprotected parts of cast iron sluice gates, parts of the sea gates of the Old Caledonian Canal in Scotland, were converted into a soft plumbaginous substance to a depth of three-quarters of an inch but where the cast iron parts were coated with tar or pitch, they were entirely un-injured. This softening effect also takes place where the cast iron was embedded in salty earth. Some cast iron water pipes laid near the Liverpool docks, were soft enough to be cut with a knife after 20 years, while the same material of the same pipeline laid on higher ground away from the salt water were as good as new after 50 years.

Observation has shown that the rapidity of this softening action depends much on the quality of the metal, the darker coloured types of iron which are high in mechanically combined carbon, suffering most, while the lighter coloured grades last much longer.

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At a recent meeting of the Calcutta Port Commissioners the Chairman stated that he had received communications from the Indian Mining Association and the Railway Board recommending the provision of additional mechanical coal-loading plant at the Kidderpore Docks.

The provision of such plant, the chairman said, depended upon the ability of shippers to pay for it. Before the river due on graded coal was reduced, from 8 annas to 4 annas per ton the Commissioners' total expenditure in connection with the export of coal, taking all items into consideration, exceeded their receipts, and the increased income from sources other than the river due owing to increased shipments would do no more than cover the loss in receipts from river due. The cost to the Commissioners of loading by means of mechanical plant of the present type was now over 2 annas per ton more than the cost of loading by cooie, and that difference would be increased by any reduction in the total quantity loaded by cooie because the labour, contractors were paid on a sliding scale. The provision of another berth of the same type would therefore increase the present loss on coal shipments.

Shippers claimed that the use of mechanical plant expedited loading and decreased the amount of breakage, and as those advantages must result sooner or later in financial benefits it did not seem unreasonable that shippers should be asked to pay a higher shipping charge on coal loaded at a mechanically-equipped berth. He had reason to believe that shippers recognised the necessity for the Commissioners covering any additional expenditure incurred by them, and that they would probably be prepared to pay as much as 2 annas a ton extra for coal shipped by means of mechanical plant.

The Indian Mining Association referred in their letter to the Commissioners' recommendation to the Indian Coal Committee that, before any additional plant was installed, the question of the best type, having regard to local conditions, should be investigated by a technical sub-committee. That recommendation was accepted by the Indian Coal Committee. A complete examination of the question by an expert committee would involve personal inspections of the various types of plant in use in different parts of the world, as written statements regarding the capabilities of plant could not be relied upon, and the best type of plant for any particular place depended to a large extent on local conditions. The investigation would therefore take a long time, but he understood that the Indian Mining Association were anxious that additional mechanical plant should be installed as soon as possible, and he therefore thought that they would prefer the matter not to be delayed for such a thorough examination.

An Expert Committee.

The Commissioners had drawings and plans of the various types of mechanical plant, and those could be considered by an expert committee consisting of one of the Commissioners' engineers, a representative of the coal trade with engineering experience, and a railway officer with experience of the coalfields, which was the constitution recommended by the Coal Committee, and the preparation of their report should not occupy much time. Personally, he thought the question could be settled more expeditiously and more satisfactorily by the Commissioners' own officers, who would consult the Indian Mining Association and the Railways, but the Commissioners might wish to adhere to their previous recommendation in favour of a technical committee, and there was no great objection to that course being adopted, provided that the traffic manager was included in the committee.

An Alternative.

An alternative to providing new mechanical plant would be the re-erection of the belt conveyor plant which was dismantled at the end of 1925. That method would involve less capital expenditure, and the plant could probably be put into commission 15 months from the time work started, whereas the erection of new plant of the Buckett type would take two years. The advisability of adopting this course would have to be considered. He proposed to reply to the Railway Board and to the Indian Mining Association that the Commissioners were prepared to install additional mechanical plant if shippers were prepared to pay an extra charge on coal shipped at any mechanical berth, sufficient to cover the fixed charges and the extra working expenses which the working of the new mechanical plant would involve; that the best type of plant would be considered at once; and that the Association would be informed of the extra charge the installation would involve as well as the extra charge which would be levied if the belt conveyor plant were put into commission.

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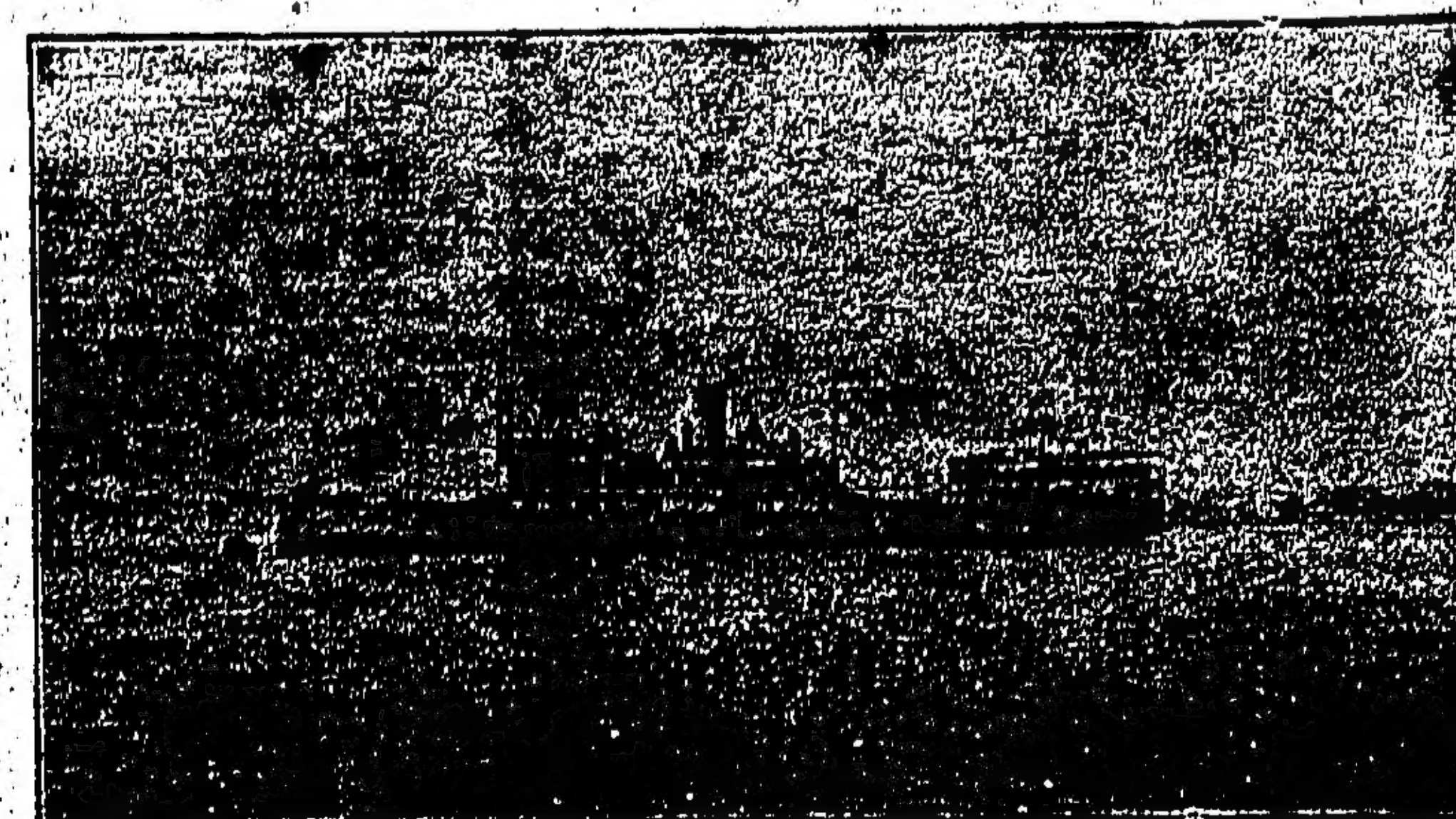
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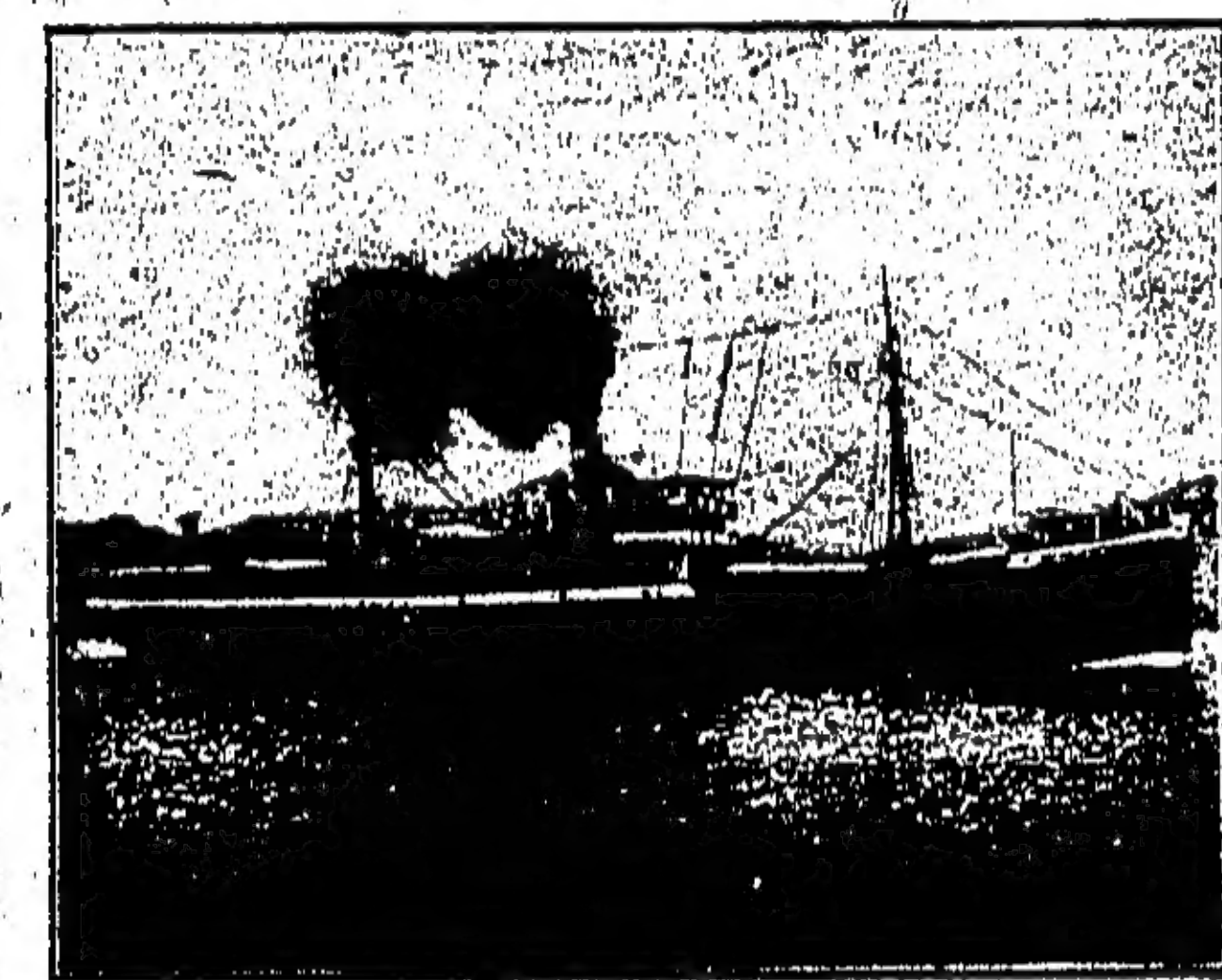
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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

How time flies! Here is
Christmas round again, another
new year following close! But
Christmas is not quite here yet.
There is still a fortnight before it
comes, and this fortnight is al-
most as enjoyable, almost as ex-
citing as the great occasion itself.
For this fortnight sees the joys
and the thrills of our Christmas
shopping. True, the Colony has
already done much of its Christ-
mas shopping—six weeks ago.
If relatives and friends in the
Homeland were to receive their
gifts in time for the festive sea-
son, purchases must be made long
before routine's hum-drum had
become tinged with the glamour
of Christmas. But there are the
laggards. And still more nume-
rous—much more numerous—
there are those who still have
their Hong Kong Christmas shop-
ping to do. Households
must see that nothing wants in
every department of eating and
drinking if the occasion is to be
celebrated with traditional jovial-
ity. Parents must adopt clever
stratagems to smuggle toys into
the home, if yawning stockings
are to be discovered next morn-
ing brimful with wondrous de-
lights for the young—and oft-
times, too, for the old! Then
again, perhaps the most delight-
ful and the most intriguing part
of the whole merry business,
Christmas shopping requires ever
changing viewpoint. "What
would Dick like the best?" or
"Just picture Mary's delight when
she discovers this!" And so it
goes with endless variety
for fathers and mothers, brothers
and sisters, uncles and aunts—
not to mention cousins and
friends. This buying for others,
this seeking to please them most,
is the real secret of the joy
Christmas shopping always
brings. The purchases are pre-
sents—emblems of goodwill, if
not of affection. And now, while
so much thought is being given
to the pleasure of others, Christ-
mas shoppers should remember
that it is a real kindness, which
will be appreciated by everyone
connected with the shops, if pur-
chases are made early. This con-
sideration will also spare shop-
pers themselves. They will then

escape the "rush hours" when the
range of selection is necessarily
smaller, when the question "what
to give?" becomes a problem, a
very problem indeed.

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the hearts of every Far Eastern
resident who relies on him for his
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corners of the globe to our own
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newspapers. There are few towns
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cablegrams do not reach. But
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would exist in regard to the hap-
penings elsewhere—the wars, the
tragedies, the romances, the
obituaries, and so forth. Within
a few hours we are on a level with
Londoners in knowing the result
of, say, the Test cricket matches
or the Derby; and we are kept au
fait with the movements of
Throgmorton Street, Mincing
Lane, or Wall Street. Little
escapes Reuter. For that reason
alone, perhaps, newspapers can-
not but feel aggrieved when
Reuter "lets them down"—either
by omitting news of some stir-
ring event (as was the experience
of the Straits papers, we believe,
in regard to the Wanshan epic),
or by cabling an item long since
published in the local Press.
Thus, to-day, for example, the
papers in Hong Kong received a
Reuter's cablegram of 122 words
giving details of the late Sir Paul
Chater's will. These were pub-
lished in all the local newspapers
as long ago as September 10—
exactly three months ago! A
cable service such as Reuter's
costs dollars to newspaper com-
panies, and to inflict a three
months' old item of news on them
is hardly "cricket." Even were
the cable not intended for Hong
Kong the news is so old that all
our contemporaries in India and
the Far East have had ample time
to republish it if they so desired.
The only charitable thing to hope
is that Reuter will make amends
for what at first sight appears
an imposition and cable us 122
extra words of up-to-the-minute
news.

JUNK PIRACY.

MASTER AND CREW HELD
FOR RANSOM.

The steersman of a junk which
has been missing for more than a
month has returned to the Colony
and reports that the vessel (No.
3192 T.H.) was pirated off Pak
Tang Island (Chinese waters)
whilst on a voyage from Cheung
Chow to Pak Tai on Nov. 8.
The entire cargo, consisting of
1,000 piculs of salt, also the ship's
armoury and a quantity of clothing
(total value \$1,500) were taken by
the pirates, reports the steersman
in question. He also states in his
report to the Police that the master
and others of the crew are being
held for ransom somewhere near
Pak Tang Island and that he was
allowed to leave in order that he
might endeavour to raise money as
ransom.

A number of richa coolies
held up a sailor of s.s. "Carl
Legien" in Point Road, Shang-
hai, recently, and got away with
\$10. Later, the same night ten
men, two armed with pistols,
entered a house in Tangsan
Road, off Great Western Road,
and after firing a number of
shots and wounding the wife of
the shoemaker, from whom they
stole shoes valued at about \$19,
the gang got away.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

(Continued from page 1.)

Mr. Lo: Did you get some in-
formation with regard to the cost
of the preparation for the piracy?
—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Did he tell you how
many pirates were participating?
—He said there were twenty-five.
Mr. Lo: Did you believe it?
—No. I thought there were 35 or
40.

Mr. Lo: As regards No. 6, I
think you said you first saw him
speaking to a wounded man be-
fore the arrival of the "Blue-
bell"?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: That was after you
had secured them and before they
were lowered to the lower deck?
—Yes.

Mr. Lo: You took no steps to
have him arrested until you re-
ceived information from the
mess 'boy'?—No.

Mr. Lo: In fact you did not
suspect him?—I did not.

Mr. Lo: You did not regard it
as evidence of guilt that a man
should be speaking to two pirates
who had been secured?—No.

Mr. Lo: You did not mention
the fact to anyone?—No.

Mr. Lo: I take it that you were
looking down from the bridge
deck?—No. I was on the main
deck myself.

Mr. Lo: Did No. 6 remain
there long?—I was too busy
working at the fire.

Mr. Lo: I will tell you what
No. 6 tells me. He says that he
went up on the deck after 12
o'clock and found blue-jackets in
possession. He says that he
gesticulated in Chinese, saying
that if the pirates had been
caught in Amoy, they would have
been shot. He was arrested when
he went down. Do you think it
possible that that was the only oc-
casion when he went up, and that
you made a mistake the first
time?—I don't think so.

Mr. Lo: As far as you know,
the only reason for his arrest
was the information received
from the mess 'boy'?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: You spoke of No. 7
being tied up. Was that long be-
fore the identification parade?—
A good while.

Mr. Lo: He did not take part in
the parade?—No.

No. 19.

The Crown Solicitor said that
very careful inquiries were being
made with regard to the 19th
prisoner. He would say no more
just now in the absence of Mr.
Leask.

Re-examined by Mr. Holmes,
witness said that he saw several
men near No. 20, but No. 6 was
the only man he saw speaking to
him.

Case proceeding.

Yesterday's Hearing.

At the resumed hearing yester-
day afternoon, the 2nd. Officer
was cross-examined at some
length by defending solicitors.

Cross-examined by Mr.
d'Almada, witness said that there
were roughly thirty to thirty-five
pirates on board. The No. 1
pirate had told him that there
were twenty-five, but he thought
there were more.

His Worship: Told you in Eng-
lish?—No. Through Mr. Lapsley.
His Worship: Do you want me
to take that, Mr. d'Almada?

Mr. d'Almada: Not necessari-
ly.

Mr. Lo said that he considered
it relative and would like to have
it taken down.

Mr. d'Almada: Before you left
the ship at 5.30 a.m., was every-
thing more or less quiet?—There
was no shooting.

Mr. d'Almada: At that time,
how many dead bodies were on
board—on the bridge and on the
deck?—The deck was burnt away.
It is impossible to say.

His Worship: How many did
you think?—Ten or eleven. Five
or six others were shot on the out-
side of the boats and fell over-
board.

Mr. d'Almada: Were you pre-
sent when the Captain held a
muster of the passengers?—No.

Mr. d'Almada: Where did you
go when you arrived at Hong
Kong on H.M.S. "Verity"?—To
Kowloon Dock.

Mr. d'Almada: What time did
you arrive?—About 1 a.m.

Mr. d'Almada: At what time
on that day did you go back to the
"Sunning"?—I did not go back to
the "Sunning" until four days
later.

Mr. d'Almada: When did you
first give your statement to the
police?

His Worship: I expect the
prosecution will help you there.

The Crown Solicitor: Mr. King
will give evidence in regard to the
identification parades.

Mr. d'Almada: Before you
made your statement, had you
identified any of these prisoners?
—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: At an identi-
fication parade?—Yes, at Central
Police Station.

His Worship: You picked out
four men?—Yes, and the ship's
carpenter.

Mr. d'Almada: Was that the
only parade you attended?—Yes.

Mr. d'Almada: Between the
practical attack and the identi-
fication parade you had not seen
the men at all?—No.

Mr. d'Almada: Those four men
would be prisoners number 1, 2,
3 and 4?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: I think it is clear that
as you went into the chart room
for the first time, the Captain
was coming out of his cabin?—
He was actually out.

Mr. Lo: You were present
throughout the argument as to
the destination of the ship?—
Yes.

Mr. Lo: You heard that some
wanted to go to Sah Mun and
some to Ping Hoi. Do you know
how many were there?—Four at
least.

Coming and Going.

Mr. Lo: Can you recall whe-
ther there were any more?—Four
to start with. Some kept coming
and going.

Mr. Lo: I understand that you
can only identify two of those
four men?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: He is not here, but
could you identify the tall man?
—Yes, if I saw him.

Mr. Lo: Was he in the chart
room?—He came up later. He
was not there at first.

Mr. Lo: You have told us that
through Mr. Lapsley you were
told that there were twenty-five
pirates on board. What time
were you told that?—At about
4.30.

Friendly Conversation.

Mr. Lo: Was the Chief Officer
there?—Never whilst I was
there.

Mr. Lo: Who were in the
cabin then?—Mr. Lapsley, the
lady passenger, the 2nd. Engi-
neer, the 3rd. Engineer, and my-
self.

Mr. Lo: The pirates at that
time were friendly?—They were
beginning to get friendly.

Mr. Lo: Was it a friendly con-
versation that you were engaged
in at that time?—Yes.

Costly Preparations.

Mr. Lo: Did you ask for the in-
formation, or did they volunteer
it?—They started the conversa-
tion. They told us that they had
spent \$3,000 on preparing their
plans and that some of them had
travelled on the ship four times.

Mr. Lo: The No. 1 pirate at all
events was not minimising the
number of men. If there was any
inaccuracy, it would be on the
"swanking" side?—No. He said
there were twenty-five. We
thought there were more.

Mr. Lo: He was not bragging?
—No.

Mr. Lo: At that time he had
no suspicion that you had been
planning to recapture the ship?
—No.

Mr. Lo: Have you any doubt in
your mind that the people who
were shot were pirates?—None
whatever.

Would Have Fired.

Mr. Lo: You told us that you
saw another boat adrift and that
you could not shoot because your
shots were too small. Would
you have shot if you could?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Were you sure that it
contained pirates?—Quite. I
saw them fire from the poop deck
before they launched the boat.

Mr. Lo: How many people do
you estimate were in that boat?
—Between eight and twelve.

Mr. Gordon Leask did not cross-
examine the witness.

Second Engineer's Story.

The next witness called for
the Crown was Mr. W. Orr, 2nd
Officer of the "Sunning" who
corroborated the evidence of
previous witnesses, adding, how-
ever, some interesting sidelights
on the activities of the pirates in
regard to the lifeboats.

Witness said that he saw ten
or fifteen men engaged on the
lifeboat. They took off part
of the cover and went into the
boat carrying tins. The
men got out of the boat and
almost simultaneously, smoke,
followed by flames, appeared
from both ends of the boat.

Witness identified the 7th
accused as the man who first
struck him on the head with a
bottle.

Another Trial.

Before adjourning the hearing
until this morning, Mr. Lindell
said that he understood that one
of the men in hospital had suffi-
ciently recovered to be able to
attend Court. Did the Crown
Solicitor wish to introduce him
at this stage, which, said the
Magistrate, would necessitate
starting all over again, or did
the prosecution wish to have the
man tried some time later when
another man, who is still in hos-
pital, will be able to be tried?
Perhaps the second man might
die in the interim?

Mr. Holmes said that he
thought that it would be most
convenient to all concerned if
they went on with the case. A
new trial would have to be held
for the other men, but in that
case they could concentrate on
evidence solely connected with
those prisoners.

GOING HOME.

FAREWELL TO INSPECTOR
PINCOTT.

YESTERDAY'S PRESENTATION.

In the presence of a large
number of his colleagues in the
Hong Kong Police Force, Inspec-
tor Pincott was yesterday the
recipient of a number of useful
and handsome gifts, the occa-
sion being the Inspector's retire-
ment from the Force in which
he has served for over twenty
years.

The presentation, which took
place in the canteen of the Cen-
tral Police Station, was made by
the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe,
Captain Superintendent of
Police. Others present were
Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant
Superintendent of Police. Other
officers present were Chief In-
spector W. Kent, Divisional
Inspector W. Spear, Inspectors
A. R. Clark, W. McWalter, W.
Shannon, Andrew Bloor,
Reynolds and Marks, Chief De-
tective Inspector T. Murphy,
Acting-Inspector Moss, Sub-
Inspector Ellis, Sergeants Car-
roll, Whelan, Flattery, Nolloth,
Kennedy and Mr. W. E.
Hollands, P.W.D.

The gifts presented to the re-
tiring Inspector consisted of a
silver cake stand with real china
crockery plates, a silver cake
dish, a silver coffee pot, travelling
rugs, and a clock. On the clock
was inscribed: "Presented to
Detective Inspector Pincott by
his comrades in the Hong Kong
Police Force on the occasion of
his retiring, December 11th."

In a happy speech during the
course of which he referred in
eulogistic terms to Inspector
Pincott's career in Hong Kong,
Mr. Wolfe said that their guest
had had no less than five com-
mendations from the C.S.P., and
he presumed that the C.S.P.
must have got tired in commend-
ing him because he had been
passed on to the Governor, as
Inspector Pincott also had two
commendations from His Ex-
cellency.

In reply, Inspector Pincott
said that the saddest thing about
going home was the fact that it
meant breaking off many friend-
ships. He hoped, however, to
see many of his Hong Kong
friends at some future date in
the Home country.

The health of Inspector and
Mrs. Pincott was accorded musi-
cal honours and the proceedings
then terminated.

BOMB ECHO.

SUSPECT ONLY AN INNOCENT
MESSENGER.

RELEASED FROM CUSTODY.

It will be recalled that on
September 15 an attempt to blow
up the Japanese Consulate-
General, Shanghai, by means of
a bomb was made between 11
and 12 o'clock in the morning,
when a Chinese was seen riding
in a ricksha in the direction of
the Consulate and having in his
possession a leather bag. Hav-
ing arrived at the door the man
stepped out, putting the bag on
the ground so as to be able to
pull out some money to pay the
ricksha coolie. At the same in-
stant a deafening report shook
the neighbourhood, for the bag
was seen to split open as a very
large bomb exploded.

At the time it was thought
that an attempt was being made
upon Comrade Karakhan, who
was staying at the Soviet Con-
sulate in Whampoo Road as a
guest of the Soviet Consul.

Detective Inspector York in-
formed Assessor Tajima and
Magistrate Loh, at the Mixed
Court on November 27, that the
Chinese who was held in prison
for about nine weeks on a charge
of attempting to put the bomb,
entrusted to him by some
Korean, at the entrance of the
Japanese Consulate-General in
Whampoo Road, was found to
be an innocent messenger. He
has been questioned on numer-
ous occasions, but with no result,
and the ricksha coolie, who is still
in hospital, could not throw any
light on the matter also. A few
Japanese were arrested by the
detectives in connection with
this case, but they were released
on bonds by the Japanese Cor-
sular Court. Dec. Inspector
York further suggested that the
man be released, on bond, he
having no means to produce a
cash, or shop security, but he
could be put on a personal bond
and ordered to call at the station
every week.

The Court held that the sug-
gestion was a good one, and or-
dered the man to sign a per-
sonal bond, one of the articles
therein being that in case of a
further hearing in the Court he
should be present.



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THE WIRELESS ERA.

25TH ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY.

TRIBUTES TO MARCONI.

Rugby, Dec. 9.
Next Sunday will be the 25th anniversary of the wireless experiments conducted by Senator Marconi which resulted in the transmission and reception for the first time of wireless signals between the old and the new world.

It was on December 12th, 1901 at Saint John's, New Foundland, that Senator Marconi successfully received signals from Poldhu in Cornwall.

Overnight is taken by writers in the Press to pay a tribute to this achievement as having marked the beginning of the wonderful era of wireless communication.—British Wireless Survey.

SENATORE MARCONI.

PROCEEDINGS TO ANNUL MARRIAGE.

Rome, Dec. 9.

At the request of the interested parties, Senator Marconi has decided that all the proceedings in the application for the annulment of Senator Marconi's marriage shall be conducted in secrecy in order to avoid any unpleasant discussion.

The Sacred Rota is examining the case for the annulment of the marriage of Senator Marconi and his wife whose maiden name was Beatrice d'Arco. The alleged nullity consists of a condition said to have been agreed to by which they could separate whenever they wished. According to the canon laws, the Catholic Church considers marriage indissoluble but such a condition nullifies the marriage. A Decree of the Court at Westminster has already annulled the marriage.

OSMAN DIGNA.

PASSING OF PICTURESQUE FIGURE.

London, Dec. 9.

One of the most rugged and picturesque characters in the history of North Africa has disappeared by the death at Wady Halfa, after a short illness, of Osman Digna, whose name figured in most of the British battle ballads half a century ago, when his waspish attacks against the British forces harassed famous generals like Gordon and Kitchener.

Digna was originally a slave trader, and joined the Mahdists, whom he inspired with martial ardour, though himself credited with remaining in the background mounted on a swift steed "praying for success."

He was captured in 1900, and sentenced to solitary confinement, being released in 1921 to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, where he proclaimed the British as Islamic prophets, but was regarded as insane and kept under observation in his own interests. His age was unknown, but doubtless he was a hundred years old.—Reuter.

JAPAN STORMS.

FISHING BOATS SUFFER SEVERELY.

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

Heavy snowstorms are raging throughout northern Japan, seriously hindering communications. Fishing boats are suffering severely and rescue vessels have been despatched to search for sixty which are missing off Oshika, near Sendai.—Reuter.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CAFE PARISIEN.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]
Sir,—The affairs of the Cafe Parisien—a cafe of much popularity amongst the British and other nationalities of this Colony—having come into the limelight, the writer, a person of British nationality of long residence in this Colony would enquire as to why it is that amongst the members of the Licensing board is to be found the Director of a rival establishment. This does not seem like British Fair Play!

Yours, etc.

DINER-OUT.

Hong Kong, Dec. 9.

DO YOU DREAD THE NIGHT?
Coughs and colds always seem to grow worse at night-fall and crowd comes without warning at midnight. Avoid an uneasy, feverish, sleepless night by keeping in the home a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is a soothing, healing, and certain remedy for all coughs and colds. For sale everywhere.

IN PEKING SIEGE.

DEATH OF EUROPEAN LADY AT HOME.

MRS. CHARLOTTE LOUISA BRENT.

The death occurred on Nov. 6, at Ealing at the full age of 86 of Mrs. Charlotte Louisa Brent, widow of Arthur Brent, formerly of Japan, who himself passed away at a ripe age a year or two ago. Like her husband, she was one of the oldest foreign residents of Yokohama, where she spent a considerable portion of her life. At the time of the Boxer outbreak in China in 1900 she was on a visit to her son at Peking, where he was on the staff of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. She was caught there and went through the siege of Peking, and the dangers and discomforts of that memorable period. On Peking being relieved by the Allied forces, Mrs. Brent proceeded to Japan, where she lectured on the experiences through which she had passed. Few of her generation of foreign residents in Japan are now left and a succeeding generation only knows her by name, but in her day she was well known and a popular hostess.

CONSTABLE KILLED.

ARMED ROBBERY IN SHANGHAI.

Another armed robbery, accompanied by shooting, which resulted in the death of a Chinese policeman and the wounding of two other persons, occurred in Nantong when seven men "snatched" a Chinese butchery and intimidated the inmates with automatic pistols. "Gathering" up some \$900 from the accountant's desk, they attempted to make off when one of the assistants raised a hue and cry. Several policemen and members of the Protection Force responded, with the result that the miscreants opened fire, killing a policeman and two others. So far as the police were able to ascertain, none of the gang was shot but one arrest was later made.

MR. J. G. PEDLEY.

DEATH OF A SPORTSMAN AND JOURNALIST.

The death has taken place in Shanghai of Mr. J. G. Pedley. Mr. Pedley had been in China 22 years or more, formerly being engaged in the piece goods business. He went home early in the war, joined the Army and saw much service, during which he was wounded, and indeed, it is thought that his death was due to all these years he had been carrying a piece of shell in his body.

After the war he came back to China and about two years ago he took up journalism, having latterly been on the reporting staff of the "China Press." He was a keen sportsman, interested in most outdoor games. He was a native of Harrogate, Yorkshire and leaves a wife and a child, now at home.

SIR HENRY JONES.

DEATH OF TASMANIAN MAGNATE.

The career of Sir Henry Jones, of Tasmania, whose death was recently announced, belongs to the romance of business. He started work at the age of 9 in a jam factory at Hobart, of which he became the owner, and extended the business all over the world. He also built up the large trade in fresh fruit, chartering cold-storage space in every vessel available. Sir Henry opened up markets for Tasmanian timber in South Africa, India, and China, and eventually he controlled some dozen saw mills. He took contracts for building wharves and piers and owned ships, and was one of the first to begin dredging for life in the East at Tongkah Bay (Puket, Siam), and later in the F.M.S.

The Shanghai Labour Union, having settled down in its new quarters, has issued a manifesto declaring its policy. The manifesto states that the union represents some 200,000 workers and they will fight for their rights against "certain imperialistic capitalists" until the workers are treated on an equality with other classes, "as in Canton."

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, an engineer in the Waterworks office of the Public Works Department, returned from home leave on the "Malwa" this morning. One of the best known "backs" in local soccer circles, Mr. Bishop was, in his absence, elected vice-captain of the Hong Kong Football Club for this season and his return at this juncture should enhance the Club's prospects of making a fight for the league championship and other honours.

POLICY IN CHINA.

BRITISH PATIENCE AND CONCILIATION.

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

The November number of the "English Review" contains an article by our contributor "Palao," under the heading "Our Policy in China." We reproduce it as near as possible, as originally written:

The official statement with regard to British policy in China, read by Mr. Lamson to the China Association on October 14, was a little more than a condensed version of Lord Balfour's speech in the House of Lords last July, but that little more was very vital. Sympathy with China in her difficulties; determination to observe strict neutrality between contending factors and to interfere only when British lives and property are imperilled; conviction that, no matter how many years it may take, China alone must solve her own problems of Government; readiness to concede outward restrictions when and as administrative reform progresses; these have been the watchwords of British policy any time during the past fifty years, and they are the salient features of these two official pronouncements in 1926. The important "little more" is just that the British Government, beset and goaded from many angles and coins of vantage to do otherwise, still to-day consistently adheres to the policy of Patience and Conciliation.

Evidently the Government is undisturbed by the outcries as to Bolshevism. Bolshevism has suffered, as did the Papacy and Napoleon in former days, the dismal fate of becoming a species of political Enigma. "Man, every reverse, albeit or mischance, finds itself attributed to Bolshevism; even the acts of God and the King's enemies have not escaped the imputation; and, in China particularly, baseless rumour and inordinate exaggeration have had full swing. Is it to be supposed that if every Russian in China were drowned in the Yellow Sea that the Chinese political problem would be any nearer solution? No more than would our labour difficulties in England be solved by a similar subversive operation in home waters. The vices and vagaries of Bolshevism leaders may be all that they are painted, nevertheless, the patience and conciliation with which we handle Anglo-Russian relations in Europe cannot have as counterpart war in Asia.

So, then, the Government remains unmoved under the taunt that the Chinese Government with whom they negotiate has less power than many of the provincial *de facto* authorities—a phantom cabinet whose authority ceases at the walls of Peking. The requirements of official continuity and the immemorial prestige of Peking are of themselves reason enough for this course of action. But, even otherwise, what is the alternative? Has any one of the belligerent war-lords given evidence of either the desire or competence to bring about a settlement of his country's affairs? Personal ambition, greed, perambulation, treachery, and the like qualities, with which we are only too familiar in the Changs and Wus, and Fengs of the last five years, these are not attributes to warrant the confidence and support of Great Britain. Yet, after each temporary triumph negotiated rather than won by this or the other tuchun, our Government is assailed from treaty port and council chamber with urgent messages and advice that, if they will only give a few lakhs of dollars and their moral support to X, China will resume her normal trade and administration. No. We have done it once. We mistook Yuan for a new Chien Lung, eventually leaving the country in chaos with \$25,000,000 added to its external debt.

Finally the Government is unruined at the advance of the Cantonese army into Central China, and of the predominance they have achieved in Hankow and Wuchang. It is intimated that our trade up and down the Yangtze is in peril, that our great vested interests in Shanghai are at stake. Why so? The Government of Canton is the head and front of the first discernible trace of the capacity to govern, in a modern sense, which China has thrown up. Whatever may be said to the credit or discredit of the Kuomintang, it cannot be denied that the motives underlying this heretofore much maligned organisation are honest in thought and national in purpose. Incidentally the very fact that

they are a party with a policy, and not merely the adherents of a particular leader, gives them, as I have said elsewhere, a claim to consideration on a different basis from Mukden or the five provinces under Sun Chuan-fang. There are among them, hothouse who say more than they mean; there are others too prone to think that the good of their nation is advanced by the disparagement of others; but there is something meritorious to be found among them, they have something in them akin to the disciplinary fervour which inspired the Roundheads, something of the clan which animated the army of Garibaldi. If it should come to pass in the not distant future that the little heaven of the Kuomintang permeate the lump of China, I venture to think there will be cause for rejoicing in Leadenhall Street, in Downing Street, and in the world at large.

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HALE AND ENERGETIC.

Writing from Harbin, on Nov. 15, a correspondent to the "N. C. Daily News" says:

Sven Hedin, the noted Swedish explorer of Central Asia and Tibet, has passed through Harbin on his way to Peking. Sixty-one years of age, his strenuous travels do not seem to have impaired his health, and he looks as hale and energetic as ever, though the last years of museum and cabinet work have slightly affected his eyesight. He left his home at Stockholm on October 27 and travelled via Russia, stopping four days at Moscow. There he visited some museums and art galleries and also met several of his Russian scientific friends. He says that he was greatly impressed by the wonderful work carried out and the brilliant achievements of the Russian men of science, handicapped as they were by the conditions of life in Soviet Russia. He greatly regretted to have missed the Russian explorer Kozloff, who is a personal friend of his, and of whose recent explorations and discoveries in Mongolia he is full of praise.

Another man of whom he thought very highly and whose death he deplored, was the late General George Percin, and he considered the general's last travel from Peking to Lhasa a feat of wonderful endurance. He had read Mr. Young's account of that travel with great interest.

Why He Went to Peking.
As to his own plans, Mr. Sven Hedin was rather reticent—stating that he never made his intentions public before knowing exactly if he would be able to carry them out. In the light of the present events in China, Mr. Sven Hedin's attitude can well be understood. However, he said that one important reason for his going to Peking, was his wish to meet Professor Anderson, the noted archaeologist, who had effected such interesting discoveries of neolithic ceramics (dating some 5,000 years B. C.) during his excavations in Honan and other provinces of China. It was the wish of the Crown Prince of Sweden, as well as that of Professor Anderson and his own to see the Archaeological Museum at Stockholm as complete as possible. It was only during the last years that he had become to be greatly interested in archaeology, as in former years he had been more of an explorer and geologist than an archaeologist. So when, in the course of his travels he had discovered two lost towns in Central Asia and one in China, he had asked Sir Orell Styre to carry out the proper excavations. It is interesting to note that Sir Orell Styre is at present conducting excavations of the lost town of Kara-Hoto in Mongolia, which was discovered by Kozloff.

At Peking he was also anxious to meet the Panchen-lama, as he knew him well, having been his guest for about two months at the Tashi-Lumpo monastery in Tibet. The last ten years Mr. Sven Hedin has devoted to the compilation of his great work, entitled "Southern Tibet" which has now been published in nine quarto volumes of text and three volumes of maps.

The Spanish Ambassador to Paris, Senor Quinones de Leon, has arrived at Madrid to confer with Foreign Minister Yanguas and Dictator General Primo de Rivera. The Catholic organ "El Debate," commenting on the Ambassador's arrival in the capital, predicts a period of increased diplomatic activity on the part of the Spanish Government. Madrid papers say that all officers of the Spanish artillery regiment at Segovia who participated in the recent revolt against the regime of General Primo de Rivera will be pardoned with the exception of a few ringleaders.

At this time of the year, each incoming P. & O. boat usually brings out a good many Hong Kong residents returning from leave since the spring, and also officers in the Services coming out for two or three years' duty. Such was the case with the "Malwa" which arrived in port this morning.

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A THRILLING MYSTERY FILM.

Who is the Bat? This is the question in every mind almost from the very start of the great mystery film now being shown at the Queen's Theatre. Only a few guess his identity before the dramatic climax is reached, and even these few cannot be positive. The audience is requested not to tell the secret to friends who have not seen the picture, as to do so would rob the story of much of its mystery. As it is for anyone still seeking a clue as to the identity of the sinister "unknown," "The Bat" is a movie play hard to excel for excitement and suspense. Dramatic events follow each other in quick succession and the interest is worked up to a tremendous pitch. "The Bat" is not all drama, however, for there is a bright thread of humour running through the sombre events, providing comic relief just when the nervous are finding the excitement becoming almost too great. As one of the most thrilling mystery movies of the year, "The Bat" is assured of a big success in Hong Kong.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 10—Queen's Theatre: "The Bat."

December 10—World Theatre: "The Wall Flower."

December 10—Star Theatre: "The Dark Swan."

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents, "The Muses of Parnassus," at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

December 10—Dance at Soamen's Institute, Praya East, of the Ship's Company of H.M.S. "Vindictive," 8.30 p.m.

December 10—Kowloon Cricket Club dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant, 9 p.m.

December 11—Dance at the Club House of the Craigengower Cricket Club, Happy Valley, 9.15 p.m.

December 11—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

December 14—Dance at Helena May Institute, organised by the Victoria Branch of the M.C.L. League.

December 16—Whist Drive at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

December 22—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

December 23—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

December 18—Steeplechase meeting at Kwant Race Course, Fanling.

December 11—Miscellaneous goods and sundries, Messrs. Lammert Bros. Sales Room, 11 a.m. Meetings.

December 11—Important meeting of Messrs. M. Y. San & Co., Ltd., Queen's Road, Central, 3 p.m.

December 14—Annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Assn. (Hong Kong Branch), at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

December 16—Extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 5.15 p.m.; annual meeting, 6.30 p.m.

December 22—Tenth meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Bldg. 2 p.m.

December 23—Eighth meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

December 28—Meeting at City Hall, to welcome His Lordship the Bishop of London.

December 15—Examination for new boys at St. Stephen's College, Prospect Place, Bonham Road, 9.30 a.m.

December 12—Confirmation classes for boys and girls, commence in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

December 16—Public lecture of the Helena May Institute by Capt. Miles on "Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony," 5.30 p.m.

December 16—Social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, 8.30 p.m. in the Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

December 22—Prize distribution of the Peak School, Peak Club, 11 a.m.

December 26—Christmas Carol service and Organ Recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.

December 23—Annual dinner of members of Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong, at Hong Kong Hotel.

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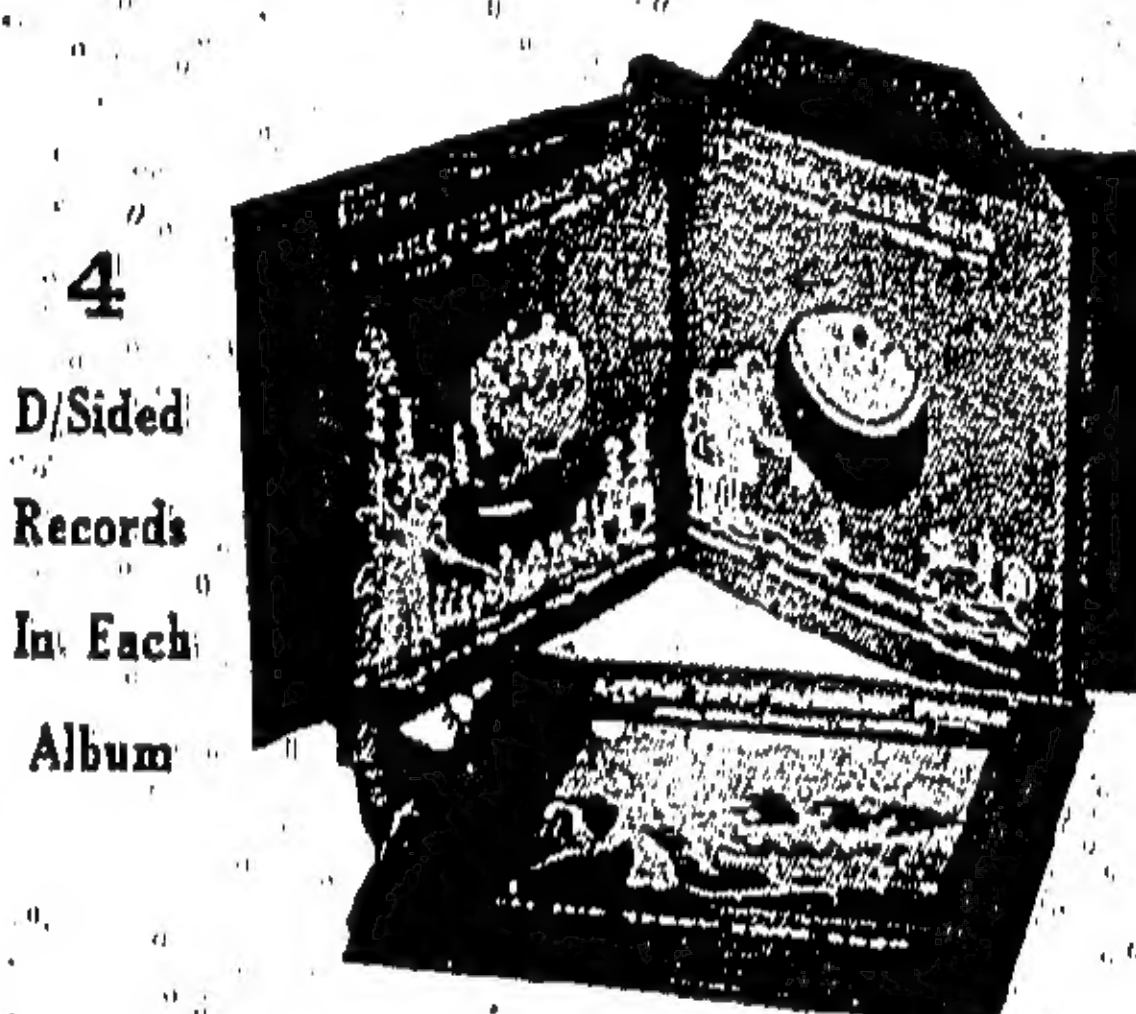
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No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Craigengower Cricket Club dance (in the clubhouse at Happy Valley) begins at 9.15 to-morrow night.

A Chinese was injured, on Wednesday, through being knocked down by a P.W.D. lorry at Shaukwan Road. He was removed to hospital.

Another Chinese case of enteric fever (typhoid) was reported on Thursday, the patient coming from the Kowloon registration district.

A well-attended musicale was given at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. Songs were given by Lt. Badell, R.N., Mrs. Sanger, and Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith. Mrs. Aubrey contributed violin solos and Mrs. Austin was the accompanist.

It is reported that the representative of General Pi has received \$1,250,000 from the Shantung authorities to pay up the back pay due to the North Eastern Squadron. This amount is made in \$800,000 worth of silver and \$450,000 in Provincial notes. This will be brought to Tientsin in the course of a few days.

The Victoria Branch of the Ministering Children's League has arranged a dance at the Helena May Institute on Tuesday next, Mrs. Hazeland, Mrs. Seth, Mrs. Bunje and Mrs. Brister are attending to details. The Lyric Orchestra will provide the dance music, and tickets at \$2 each, may be obtained either from the Institute or from Messrs. Moutrie & Co.

With the compliments of the Japanese Consulate-General in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" has received a copy of the special edition published by the "Japan Advertiser" (Tokyo) for the Philadelphia Sesqui-centennial Exposition. The edition, which is printed on art paper and beautifully illustrated, gives an excellent survey of Japan's industrial activity for the reader abroad.

There will be a carnival dinner dance at Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow night.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Vindictive" is to hold a dance at the Seamen's Institute, Praya East, to-night at 8.30.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Pold Ram, a Sepoy in the 5/2 Punjab Regt., was committed for trial on the charge of attempting to murder a superior officer at Whitfield Barracks on November 18.

A ricsha chartered at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, collided with a motor car at the junction of Nathan and Carnarvon Roads. The occupant of the ricsha, a European lady, was uninjured, proceeding on her journey in another ricsha.

The master of the s.s. "President Wilson" has reported to the Water Police that during yesterday afternoon a vest containing a gold Elgin watch, gold chain, jade pendant and gold mounted pen and pencil, was stolen from a passenger's cabin. The total value of the stolen property is stated to be \$268.

A proclamation has been issued by Mr. Chang Wen-kien, Acting Manager of the Central Bank, Wu-chang, stating that, in accordance with the order given by the General Military Supply Department, the bank notes negotiable in Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi will be cashed as soon as presented while sums exceeding \$50 will be cashed in the Hupeh Bank, Houchen Maloo, Hankow.

With the approach of the New Year Messrs. James Buchanan & Co., makers of the well-known Black & White, Royal Household and Liqueur Whiskies, have issued their usual neat little pocket diary. Besides the diary for 1927, memoranda space, etc., the contents include the rules of golf, and the laws of cricket, lawn tennis and auction bridge. Messrs. James Buchanan & Co.'s agents in Hong Kong are Messrs. Donnelly & White, to whom the "China Mail" is indebted for its copy of the diary.

Examination for new boys at St. Stephen's College (Prospect Place, Bonham Road) will be held at 9.30 a.m. to-morrow.

Reminder: opening of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society season—"The Pirates of Penzance"—at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 to-night.

"Melodians" Orchestra will be in attendance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant at 9 to-night for the Kowloon Cricket Club dance.

A baby's "sailor" hat has been left behind in the shop of Messrs. Pohoomull Brothers, No. 36, Queen's Road Central. Application for return should be made in person to Mr. T. A. Mahtani, the manager.

A Chinese with three previous convictions for opium smoking was fined \$50 or three weeks' hard labour when charged with a similar offence before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

A beautiful mountain study, "The Sun Kissed Hills," by Jackson, Courtnock, forms the subject of the calendar for 1927 issued by the Colonial Dispensary, of 14 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. "The Sun Kissed Hills" was exhibited at the Royal Academy.

A band of 31 brigands, who have been causing considerable trouble in the Ninghai district, made a sudden appearance at a village twenty li south-east of Chefoo. They were well armed and dressed in grey. From the village they took one captive, to be held for ransom, and commandeered eleven chickens and eight ducks. From a neighbouring village they took two captives.

An extraordinary scene illustrating the extent of unemployment in the city was witnessed in Newcastle recently. A local firm advertised for 20 girls and 10 youths as apprentices. At the time appointed young people began to assemble, until 3,000 were gathered in Newgate Street, where the firm carries on business. Police had to be called to regulate the traffic as the applicants passed through the firm's offices.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. J. Russell of Talkoo Dock returned from Home this morning on the "Malwa."

Mr. V. G. Kerley, of the Hong Kong Electric Co.'s staff returned from leave this morning on the "Malwa" from Home.

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Mr. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., arrived on the "Malwa" this morning after spending long leave at Home.

Mrs. H. Balean, the wife of Dr. H. Balean, the local medical practitioner, was one of the Hong Kong residents returning to Hongkong on the "Malwa" this morning from Home.

Isako's Circus left Shanghai to-day by the Butterfield & Swire s.s. "Lingchow," and hope to arrive here about the 13th. The manager trusts to be able to open the circus on December 16.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Walter Shillito Curtis, electrical engineer, No. 23A, Cameron Road, Kowloon, to Miss Emma Mercer, the Italian Convent, Caine Road.

There more students were arrested in Shanghai last Saturday afternoon for distributing inflammatory literature directed at Marshals Sun Chuan-fang and Chang Chung-chang and demanding the neutralisation of Shanghai.

Lieut.-Comdr. Kenneth Barlow Williams, R.N., retired, who is reported to have been killed by a bull in Rhodesia, left the active list in 1920. In 1912 he was in China with the flagship "Minotaur," and was promoted to sub-lieutenant in May 1918.

The marriage took place in London on November 6 of Mr. John Ellis Langford Hunter (late R.N.A.S.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hunter, of Shanghai, to Mrs. Gwendolen Mary Cleaton Mulock, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cleaton.

Mr. Ernest Haliburton Cunard, who died at 7, Upper Montagu Street, W.1, on November 6, after a long illness, was at one time a director of the Cunard Steamship Co. and of other large companies, including the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. T. Thompson, D.D.S., returned to Hong Kong yesterday morning on the s.s. "Glenshiel."

Mr. A. R. Sutherland of the Education Department returned from leave to-day on the "Malwa," accompanied by Mrs. Sutherland.

Mr. W. F. Hoyle, of the Talkoo Sugar Refining Co.'s staff was one of the passengers on the "Malwa" which arrived from Home this morning.

Mr. A. Nicol of the Port Development Department (now re-absorbed by the P.W.D.) returned from leave with Mrs. Nicol this morning, on the "Malwa" from Home.

Disembarking here this morning from the "Malwa" outward from Home, were Mr. and Mrs. B. Montague Ede, Captain P. G. K. Harris, Miss R. Luard, Rev. J. E. Rigg, Miss M. A. Searle, Mrs. N. M. Tottenham.

Several Naval officers arrived this morning on the "Malwa" from Home. In addition to the new Commodore for Hong Kong there were Comdr. and Mrs. G. B. Hartford, Eng. Comdr. G. W. Odum, Pay Lt. A. T. Phillips, Pay Comdr. H. Rogers.

The engagement is announced of Marcus Dukes, of the Federated Malay States, youngest son of the Rev. E. J. Dukes, of Friern Barnet, and Rita Parkinson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Parkinson, of Guy's, Wilham, Herts.

SIR RONALD MACLEAY HERE.

Among the passengers arriving in the Colony this morning on board the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" were the Rt. Hon. Sir J. W. Ronald Macleay, K.C.M.G., the retiring British Minister to Peking, and Lady Macleay. The distinguished visitors will remain in the Colony until to-morrow morning, when the "Macedonia" sails for Europe via Suez. Sir Ronald and Lady Macleay are guests of H.E. the Governor and Lady Clement during their stay in Hong Kong, and opportunity was taken this morning for Sir Ronald to invest Mr. E. A. Kirke, (R.E.M. Consul at Swatow) with the insignia of a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, a decoration which was included in the last Birthday Honours List. The investiture was private.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Swan of Talkoo came back to Hong Kong this morning by the "Malwa."

Mr. F. A. Brown, of the Royal Naval Yard, Hong Kong, returned to the Colony this morning on the "Malwa" from Home.

Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones, a Cadet in the Hong Kong Government service, returned to the Colony on the "Malwa" this morning, on expiry of long leave.

Dockyard manager of the Talkoo Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd., and one of the leading members of St. Andrew's Society, Mr. J. Reid returned from Home (leave on the "Malwa" this morning, with Mrs. Reid and family.

Mr. T. W. Ainsworth of the Hong Kong Civil Service, returned from Home leave this morning on the "Malwa." As a Cadet officer, he has been in the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the Colonial Treasury and other departments.

Captain S. Bell-Smith, one of the best known of local master mariners, returned to the Colony to-day on the "Malwa" with Mrs. Bell-Smith and family. Captain Bell-Smith is with the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

Mr. W. L. Handyside of the Education Department returned from Home leave with Mrs. Handyside and family this morning on the "Malwa." Mr. Handyside is well-known to Queen's College Boys and more recently he acted as headmaster of Saiyungpun School while Mr. A. Morris was on leave.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing and family returned to Hong Kong on the "Malwa" (arrived this morning) from Home leave. Mr. Laing is on the staff of the Talkoo Dock Co.

Mrs. A. O. Lang (the wife of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang) came back to Hong Kong from Home on the "Malwa" which arrived this morning.

Travellers from Hankow report that with the exception of the Wuhan cities the rest of the river ports remain quiet. A number of China Merchants river steamers are waiting at Nanking, for the conveyance of the Shanghai troops up river. Things in Hankow are said to be a little quieter, but there is still an atmosphere of tension.

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[By "Centre-Half"]

Tomorrow, both the first and second divisions of the Football League, the second half of the fixtures begins.

In the First Division, Club de Recreo are well on their way to securing the championship. Their defeat of the Chinese Athletic last Saturday almost put the question beyond doubt. Throughout the first round they have not been defeated. One game only they failed to win, when the Hong Kong Football Club forced them to concede a point. But let not the Recreo think that the championship is assured. They are at present well ahead, but during the second round, the other Club will redouble their efforts to bring them back.

In spite of their defeat last Saturday, Chinese Athletic are still in the running. The Hong Kong F.C. also will have something to say in regard to the championship.

Recreo v. Kowloon.

The most interesting game will be at King's Park between Recreo and Kowloon F.C. The latter are still smarting under the defeat earlier in the season administered to them by the Portuguese. Strangely enough, Kowloon are confident that they are going to wipe out that defeat to-morrow. Kowloonites have declared to me: "If they can manage it, then indeed the ensuing struggle for honours will be more open."

It should be a great game. Still, I do not think that Kowloon will manage to hit down the Recreo flag. The "Babes" should win, but with not much to spare.

South China v. K.O.S.B.

South China and the Borderers meet for the first time. When the season opened the 1st East Surreys played South China, and secured both points. The Borderers have won their last two games and are shaping quite well. Improvement has also been shown in the South China team and I am sure they are going to do better in the second round. However, I do not think that they will be able to defeat the Borderers. It is not going to be an easy task for the Borderers, but they ought to win.

"Tamar" v. Chinese Athletic.

When H.M.S. "Tamar" and the Chinese Athletic met previously, the result was a draw. Since then the Chinese have improved, and the "Tamar" team has deteriorated. The Naval side has made some change each time it has played. The Chinese have kept together. The Chinese should win to-morrow.

Police v. Gunners.

The first meeting between the Hong Kong Police and the Royal Artillery resulted in the former losing. Since then the Police have improved somewhat, but not to any great extent. The forwards cannot get goals. The Gunners have quite a good team, thanks in great measure to Leach in the front line. Leach has been responsible for practically every victory which the team has registered. The R.A. should win narrowly to-morrow.

The Second Division.

Quite a keen struggle is taking place for supremacy in the section "A" of division II. The K.O.S.B. Reserves are, however, better placed than any other.

To-morrow St. Joseph's meet the University. The College won their first game with ease, but thereafter the University did well. The students have postponed several games lately. A draw is likely to-morrow.

Recreo Reserves meet Kowloon Reserves. The result was a draw at their first meeting, but thereafter, of the two, Recreo have fared better and should win to-morrow.

R.A. Reserves should again beat South China.

Quite an interesting game should result between the Chinese Athletic "A" and the Club Reserves. A draw is likely.

The K.O.S.B. Reserves meet Chinese Athletic "B." In the first game of the season before the Borderers arrived, the Surrey Reserves trounced this Chinese team by 15 goals. It is unlikely that the Borderers will do that, but they should win comfortably.

In Section "B."

It is reasonably safe to predict at this stage that the championship of the section "B" division II rests between St. Joseph's Reserves and the Moslem Club. These teams have not yet met, the fixture in the first round having been postponed. When they meet, the result should decide the championship.

SOCCER CARTOON.

Another local soccer cartoon by Stan Hill will appear in tomorrow's "China Mail."

plonship. I fancy St. Joseph's. In to-morrow's games the South China Boy Scouts should defeat Hong Kong Bank Portuguese; Chinese Athletic "A" should secure both points from Chinese Athletic "B." Moslems should defeat South China and St. Joseph's Reserves should have no difficulty in beating Kowloon "B."

THE FIXTURES.

First Division.

Kick-off 4 p.m.
South China v. Scottish Borderers—Sookumpoo.
H.M.S. "Tamar" v. Chinese Athletic—H.K.F.C. ground.
Club de Recreo v. Kowloon F.C.—Recreo.

Royal Artillery v. Police—South China.

Div. II. Section "A"
Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
University v. St. Joseph's College—South China.

Recreo Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves—Recreo.

South China v. R.A. Reserves—Sookumpoo.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. H.K.F.C. Reserves—Club.

Borderers Reserves v. Chinese Athletic "B"—Sookumpoo.

Div. II. Section "B"
Boy Scouts v. Bank Portuguese—Sookumpoo.

Chinese Athletic "A" v. Chinese Athletic "B"—St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.

South China v. Moslem Club—South China, 4 p.m.

St. Joseph's Reserves v. Kowloon "B"—St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.

Among the teams selected are:

H.K.F.C. Reserves: Slipper, Hill, Purves, Brown, Ralston, Punchedon, Bell, Thompson, Campbell, Trambitsky, White.

Reserves: Mitchell, Howell, Ross, Police: Clark, Wynne, Harle, Brittain, Hudson, Jessop, Cornwall, McEwen, Simpson, Orem, Noonan.

Scottish Borderers 1st XI: Anderson; Gardner, Martin, Everest, Bacham, McGill; Stephens, McGovern, Davey, McGlinchey, Capt. Alexander.

Borderers' Reserves: McDougall, Innes, Gear, Drury, Skiggs, Martin; Skiggs, Stock, Humphreys, Junyholme, Weatherill.

Kowloon 1st XI: Durand; Wheeler, Cavellie; McKelvie, Sims, Earle; Hayes, Spary, Duncan, Miles, Muir.

Kowloon Reserves: Wood; Guest, Baldwin; Pile, Pasco, Hedley; Millard, Vickers, Orr, Coates, Eastman.

"HERALD" CUP.

Yesterday's meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association decided on four teams competing this year—as was the case last season when Portugal won—for the International Cup for charity, presented by the "Sunday Herald."

The draw for the opening games resulted:—

Dec. 25 (Saturday), 11 a.m.—England v. Scotland.

Dec. 27 (Monday), 4.30 p.m.—Portugal v. China.

(Both matches on the Hong Kong F.C. ground at Happy Valley, winners to meet in the final.)

Interport Trial.

The second local trial to select the team for the Interport against Shanghai will take place on the H.K.F.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. next Wednesday. Teams:—

Colours:—Anderson (Scottish Borderers); Ng Kam-chuen

LOCAL CRICKET.

MID-WEEK MATCH IN THE LEAGUE.

ORDNANCE BEAT NAVY.

On the Indian R.C. ground at Sookumpoo on Wednesday, in division II of the Hong Kong Cricket League, Royal Army Ordnance Corps defeated Royal Navy 2nd XI by 36 runs. Scores:—

R.A.O.C.:
S. Sgt. Greenaway, lb.w., b. Stevens, 14
S. Sgt. Walker, lb.w., b. Noble, 14
S. Sgt. Gilbert, c and b Noble, 1
Pte. Lake, c and b Noble, 15
Condr. Hook, lb.w., b. Nave, 9
L. Cpl. Roberts, stumped, b. Nave, 9
Q.M.S. Moccock, b. Nave, 8
S. Sgt. Moccock, c and b Welch, 39
Cpl. Bantall, run out, 2
S. Sgt. Waterfield, not out, 2
Pte. Burger, lb.w., b. Welch, 2
Extras, 13

Total, 118

BOWLING ANALYSIS:
O. M. R. W.
Noble, 13 2 26 3
Stevens, 10 1 41 1
Nave, 8 1 35 3
Welch, 4 1 3 2

Royal Navy 2nd XI:
Comdr. Gray, b. Burger, 28
Lt. Stevens, c Roberts, b. Lake, 3
Lt. Sayer, b. Lake, 1
Lt. G. Williams, c and b Lake, 0
E. A. Binn, b. Lake, 22
E. R. A. Kirk, b. Burger, 0
Lt. Nave, run out, 5
Lt. Carson, not out, 14
Writer Martin, run out, 4
Sto. Welch, lb.w., b. Lake, 1
Sto. Noble, b. Burger, 0
Extras, 5

Total, 82

BOWLING ANALYSIS:
O. M. R. W.
Lake, 13 5 34 5
Burger, 13 1 43 3

Capt. Morris's Century.

In return for a previous mid-week defeat by H.M.S. "Hermes," Kowloon C.C. beat the warship in a friendly match yesterday (on their own ground) by 6 wickets. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Hermes": 156 (June for 9 wickets (one man absent)). F.O. Newall 75, Lt. Williams 54, Lt. Surges 52 (the first three men in).
J. C. Lyle 4 wks. for 29 runs, N. H. Ross 2 for 48, Capt. E. W. Morris 2 for 42.

Kowloon C.C. 162 runs for 4 wickets. Capt. E. W. Morris 100 not out, A. R. F. Raven 40 not out (the other 4 men made 13 and "extras" 9).—Lt. Comdr. Beatty 4 wks. for 43.

BILLIARDS MATCH.

A keenly contested billiards match at the Soldiers' Club resulted in H.M.S. "Ambrose," defeating the R.M. of H.M.S. "Tamar" by 18 points. Scores:—

H.M.S. "Ambrose": L. Gibb 100, D. S. Davies 100, W. G. Allen 54, H. M. Challands 100, W. A. Bowers, 66, G. Bridgewater 100, A. E. Arston 79, D. Kelly 62—total 661.

H.M.S. "Tamar": Marines:—H. Barnicott 72, B. Freeman 66, J. Lee 100, C. Mears 33, Blake 72, Bennett 100, T. Williams 100, D. Shewring 100—total 643.

Y.M.C.A. v. "Vindictive."
The European Y.M.C.A. defeated H.M.S. "Vindictive" at Kowloon by 29 points. Scores:—

Y.M.C.A.: Greenhalgh 150, Chapman 140, Jack 150, Borrowman 122, Lamb 145, Guy 150—total 857.

Vindictive: Jones 130, Bridgeway 150, Hedley 141, Wardle 150, Emerson 150, Brydie 107—total 823.

FANLING GOLF.

The ladies' Shanghai foursomes, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, played at Fanling on Dec. 7 for prizes presented by Mrs. Partridge, was won by Mrs. Lambert and Mrs. Gilmore, with a score of 82—6=77.

(Chinese Athletic), Lai Yuk-tat (Athletic); C. F. Remedios (Club de Recreo), Sims (Kowloon F.C.), Orem (Police); Taylor (H.K.F.C.), Fuentes (Recreo), Linaker (H.K.F.C.), J. M. Silva (Recreo), Brown (Recreo).

Whites:—Avery (H.M.S. "Tamar"), Li Tin-sang (South China), Chan So (South China); Britain (Police), Hudson (Police), Lam Yuk-ying (Athletic); Cornwall (Police), Ip Lau (Athletic), Leach (Royal Artillery), McGlinchey (Borderers), Chan Kwong-lu (Athletic).

Reserves: Wallington (H.K.F.C.), Tin Yuk-on (South China), L. Rocha (Recreo), Alexander (H.K.F.C.).

Those who took part in the first trial this week and have been nominated again are C. F. Remedios, Hudson, Cornwall, Ip Kau, Leach, McGlinchey, Chan Kwong-lu.

SIM SHIELD.

ARMY'S REVENGE ON ROYAL NAVY.

By the odd goal in five, The Army yesterday defeated Royal Navy in their return match in the Sim Shield hockey competition on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon.

Last week the senior service won the odd goal in three and the soldiers now get back on even terms.

Each of these two teams will have to meet the Hong Kong Hockey Club twice. The Navy will begin next Wednesday and an interesting struggle should be witnessed.

Y.M.C.A. Victory.

At King's Park yesterday, the European Y.M.C.A. defeated H.M.S. "L20" at hockey yesterday by 3 goals to nil after an excellent game.

CHRIST AND TIBET.

DENIAL BY SVEN HEDIN.

That Christ ever visited Tibet, an assertion recently made by Professor Roerich on a basis of alleged proofs found in that country, was vigorously denied by Sven Hedin, the noted Swedish explorer, when he passed through Harbin on a recent visit. Hedin is willing to admit the possibility of the theory that Christ spent several years in India studying Buddhism, but he is convinced that Christ never went to Tibet, as at that time the country was perfectly wild and was inhabited by tribes of very low culture which have left few traces behind. In this view he is upheld by findings of Professor Laufer of the University of Chicago, noted expert on Tibetan literature.

MISSIONARIES POLICY.

A statement of its policy with regard to the present situation in China, and especially in regard to the return of missionaries to the field, has been decided upon by the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church in Canada (writes the Vancouver correspondent of the "N.C. Daily News"), which has more than three hundred missionaries in China.

First, the Board seeks to inform the church as to the dangers to which the missionaries are exposed and other uncertainties and anxieties involved and appeals for concerted intercession.

Secondly, in view of their present distress, the Board then ordered a message of reassurance to be sent to the workers in the field. It also ruled that women and children at present in Canada be detained here until there is a reasonable measure of assurance as to security of life and liberty in service in the field.

TRIBUTE TO NEWSPAPER.

The Sesquicentennial International Exposition has conferred an engraved diploma of honour on the "Japan Advertiser" in recognition of "conspicuous service in bringing the message of the exposition before the public."

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CENSORSHIP IN HARBOUR.

The strict censorship over the Hankow Chinese Press which was enforced by the Cantonese authorities shortly after their arrival there, has now been lifted, restoring to the local vernacular papers the freedom of printing news and making editorial remarks on the situation.

In announcing the withdrawal of the censorship regulations, the Political Office issued an order in which it is declared that since the military crisis in this centre is over, the Nationalist authorities consider it necessary to do away with the censorship so that "the freedom of speech promised to the people by the Nationalist Government may be respected."

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MR. H. G. WELLS.

GIBES AT FAMOUS MEN QUESTIONED.

Is Mr. H. G. Wells becoming incurably peevish? That is the question being asked in literary circles which are somewhat taken aback at the crude personalities in the second volume of his novel "The World of William Clissold," states the "Weekly Despatch."

William, it appears, lives in a rather dyspeptic world, and he and his brother Dickson appear to find comfort in making acidulous remarks about real and prominent personages whom Mr. Wells introduces into his book.

He makes his characters sneer at Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as "a statesman" at Mr. J. R. Clynes as an "intelligent-looking little cock-tail of a man" at Mr. Lloyd George as "a magnificent weed—as clever as six foxes"—at Lord Balfour as "a damned Madonna Lily" at Lord Oxford and Lord Grey as "great historical monuments" and "men incapable of freshness or adaptation."

These are all men who at least have done the State some service. Ought not that to protect them from the stupid and peevish impertinences of Mr. H. G. Wells? asks the paper.

But this jaundiced novelist continues the writer, dipping his pen in gall goes farther and presumes to make unwarranted references to the King—references that need not be repeated here.

His Majesty's place in the hearts of his people is beyond the power of Mr. Wells to impair. The spiteful author may rail—through the mouths of his characters—at the King's progress and activities.

His subjects know that these malicious and laborious tasks are undertaken not from pomp or vanity or pleasure, but from a sense of duty and because they are expected and demanded of him.

That—and the fact that constitutionally he cannot reply—should be an adequate protection.

Mr. Wells may reply that the opinions expressed are not his own but those of his characters. That would be a fair enough argument about an historical novel dealing with the past.

Admit it in current writings and who is safe from peevish and malicious sneers, purporting to be an essential part of literature? Good taste and good sense ought to suggest to Mr. Wells that he is on the wrong tack.

FIRM ROBBED.

MASKED MEN GAG SERVANT AND STEAL \$1,000.

A burglary occurred at the new offices of the firm of Messrs. Fensenden, Holcomb and Snyder, Kiang Road, Shanghai, on Nov. 29, when the sum of approximately \$1,000 was stolen. Three strange men are reported by a coolie employed on the premises to have called early in the evening and made inquiries concerning another employee, who was not there at the time. Later, three men, believed to be the same three, but this time wearing masks over their faces, attacked the coolie, bound him with rope, gagged him, took several keys from him and proceeded to force an entry into the comptroller's room. They forced open a desk and took out the money, but nothing else. There were several native orders in the drawer, but these were left untouched. After the robbery departed, the coolie succeeded in summoning aid, and the affair was reported to the police.

SOVIET THREATS—OR HOPES?

At a great Communist conference in Moscow, Bukharin, who is expected to succeed Zinoviev as leader of the Third International, declared: "The existing capitalist stabilisation has two important weak points. The first is England, and the second is China. These two points were regarded as the greatest in world importance. In England the great strike of coal miners, and in China the revolution—these are our nearest and greatest hopes. With the advance against capitalist economies in Russia, they form the trinity which must lead us to final triumph."

Tang Fuh-shan, Yoh Sze-yin, Chang Fong-chi, Peng Teh-chien, Li Yen-ching and a certain Wang are among the higher officers of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang captured at Nanchang while officers of the lower rank are too numerous to be mentioned. Peng, Li and Wang are said to have been released on account of the good reputation of their armies while Tang, Yoh and Chang, who used to induce their men to plunder and murder, have been repeatedly accused before the Revolutionary forces by the populace of Nanchang. They have, therefore, been kept in custody and are to be delivered to the civilians for judgment.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 10, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Estates Brokers' Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	1/11	1/11	1/11
T.T. on Shanghai	80 1/4	80 1/4	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1165 s	1130 b 1140 s	1140 s
do. London	2115 s	—	1114 1/2 n
Chartered Bank	221 s	221 n	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	230 3/4 n.	230 3/4 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	213 1/2 n.	213 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	20 1/4 b.	210 n.	—
Marine Insurance.	84 n.	80 s.	80 n
Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	640 b.	625 n	630 b
China Underwriters	145 n.	130 b	120 b
North China Insurance	1145 n.	140 n.	—
Union Insurance	293 s.	292 s.	291 sa.
Yangtze Insurance	\$45 M. n	40 n.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	615 b	615 b	615 b
Shipping.			
Douglases	28 1/2 b	28 b 29 s	28 1/4 b
Hongkong Steamboats	27 1/2 n	27 s	27 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	1 1/4 n	2 1/2 n.	2 n
Indo-China (Pref)	32 b.	30 n.	30 n
do. (Def.)	42 b.	40 n.	40 s
Shell Transports	60 1/2 n.	58 b 60 1/2 s	60 1/2 s
Star Ferries	60 s	58 b 60 s	57 1/2 b
Water-boats	15 b	15 n	15 n
Refineries.			
China Sugars	25 s	24 b	24 b
Malabon Sugars	36 n	35 s	36 n
Mining.			
Benguets	1 1/4 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	38 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)	\$27 n.	28 s	28 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	14 n.	14 s	—
Shanghai Exploration	14 1/2 n.	5 s	—
Shanghai Loan	19 n.	9 s	—
Raub	4 1/2 n.	3 1/2 b	3 1/2 n.
Trocholy Mines	20 1/2 b.	21 1/2 b	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n	—	—
Docks, Wharves, &c.			
Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	115 s	110 s	110 n
H.K. & W. Docks	50 s	49 s	49 1/2 s
Hongkew	1175 n	1175 s	1175 n.
New Engineering	1134 n	5 s	6 s
Shanghai Docks	1117 s	112 b 114 s	116 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels	0 1/4 s	0 b 0 1/4 s	0 1/4 s
Hongkong Lands	50 s	57 b 58 s	58 s
Hongkong Realty	6 1/2 b	6 b	6 s
H.K. Territorial	3 s.	3 s.	4 n
Humphreys Estates	15 s	14 s	14 1/2 s.
Prince's Building	80 n	87 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 n	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	10 1/4 s	9 s	9 s.
Oriental	10 1/4 s	2 1/2 b 2 3/4 s	2.60 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	15 1/2 n.	54 s	54 s.
do. (new)	12 1/2 n.	28 s.	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	5 n	4 1/2 sa.	5 n
Cements (comb.)	11 s	10 b	10 n
do. (old)	9 n	8 b	8 s
do. (new)	9 n.	8 b	2 s
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b	17 1/2 b
do. (old)	13 1/2 s	12 1/2 b	12 1/2 b
do. (new)	10 1/2 s	9 1/2 b	9 b
China Prov.	5 1/4 n	5 15 n	5 1/4 n
Dairy Farms	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 b	18 1/4 b
Der A. Wing	6 n	6 s	—
Hongkong Amusements	16 b	15 n	16 b
H.K. Constructions	134 b	180 b	2 b
Hongkong Electric	57 b 59 s	56 1/2 b	57 b
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	10 n	10 s	30 n
do. (old)	10 s	10 s	10 n
do. (new)	5 s.	5 s	5 n
Hongkong Tramways	23 1/2 s	23 b & sa	5 s
Lane, Crawford	8 n.	7 s	7 s
Macao Electric	35 n.	—	—
Mackintosh	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	9 b	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/4 n.	15 s	16 s.
do. (new)	7 60 n	8 n	7 1/2 s.
Sinceres	9 1/2 n	9.10 b	9 n
Singapore Trams	15 1/2 s	14 1/2 b	14 1/2 s.
Taxis	2 s	1 b	80 Cts. b
United Asbestos	—	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	20 n	18 n.	—
Watsons	13 n	3 1/2 b	13 s
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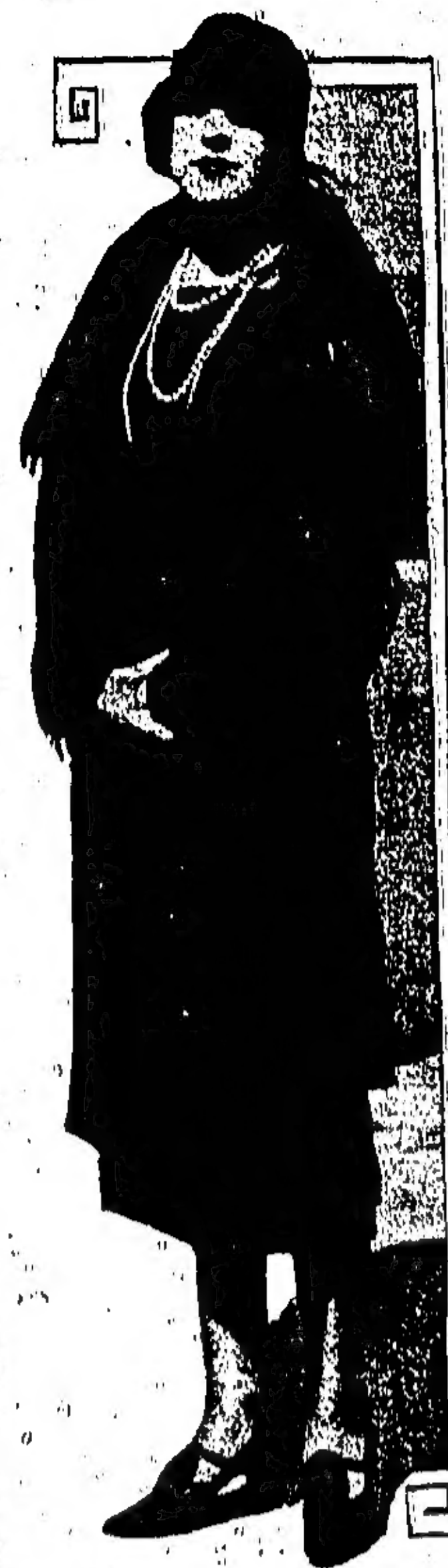
People and Events in the News of the World



Loie Fuller, dancer and friend of Queen Marie of Roumania.



Gene Tunney—Winner of the Heavyweight Title.



Grand Duchess Boris was decided to be the "best dressed woman in the world" at a contest in the presence of Crown Prince Carol at Biarritz.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE. OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

China affairs have now reached such a pass that interest all over the world has been drawn this way. Even Members of Parliament have to seek information by putting questions. Much more so will the average relative, friend or business relation need enlightenment.

What better then than to send regularly a copy of the "Overland China Mail" with the concise but complete record of the past week's events. Reports thus reproduced bear the distinction of being impartial—as Hong Kong is placed in a position different to that of interested parties.

Whether recognition should be granted to the Nationalists or not?—That is the question everybody is asking. For full reports, comment, explanations, look to the "Overland."

It will save you the drudgery of writing long letters and if kept on file will make a splendid reference.

All local news, China cables, reports by correspondents, special articles are included for the week.

Among items of outstanding importance, attention is drawn to:—daily news of Recognition problem; Mr. Miles Lampson's visit to Shanghai, en route to Hankow; Hankow troubles; opening stages of "Sunning" piracy trial; latest war movements and fall of Wuchow; visit of Macao's governor; last Extrality report.

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TITTA RUFFO



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When inhabitants at Pisa, Italy, heard a report that Titta Ruffo founded an anti-Fascist paper in Brazil, they destroyed a memorial to his operatic appearances there. Several were arrested in a plot to play Riza Kahn, Shah of Persia. Lieutenant Frank H. Conant, Navy ace, established a new plane record between New York and Hampton Roads, Va. Mrs. Anna George de Mille and William C. de Mille, playwright and movie director, are living apart.



In ill health, Lionel Edwards, a friend left Quebec on a trip to Texas. They manacled themselves. The friend died in Boston. Edwards, alone, carries on.



JOSEPH T. ROBINSON



GENE BLACK



JANET MITCHELL



RAQUEL MELLER

Senator Joe T. Robinson announced he would fight for tax reduction at the next session of Congress. Representative Gene Black, of Texas, said he would move for an investigation of manipulation of cotton prices. Janet Mitchell, officer of the Government Bank of Australia, is going to America to learn new means of encouraging thrift among working girls. Raquel Meller, singer, left Paris to establish her home in the United States.

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COLONY'S MONEY.

GRANTS TO STORM VICTIMS' DEPENDANTS.

OTHER FINANCE VOTES.

Among the votes before the Finance Committee yesterday was one for charitable grants to the families of workmen who lost their lives in the Pokfulam pumping house disaster on July 19. The sum granted was the equivalent of a year's salary in the case of the dependants of each man (totalling \$1,321.30 in respect of the four cases).

Home Passage Costs.

Arising out of a supplementary vote for \$46,000 in respect of passage money for Government servants proceeding on long leave, the Chairman (the Colonial Secretary) said that it was not possible to forecast accurately in the Estimates the number of officers who would require leave, family passages, etc.

Hon. Mr. Bird: I can never understand how it is that you do not know exactly when Government servants are due for long leave.

The Chairman: The estimates are prepared in August and in some cases leave is not given until the end of the year. Besides, there is a remarkable number of people with very large families and sometimes we do not know how many are to go in a family. (Laughter).

The Chairman: There is also the question of ill-health. Many Government officers have to go home ahead of their time on account of ill-health. Take a case at the present moment, Mr. McElderry. He should go next year but as a matter of fact he is going this year because the doctor has ordered him home.

New Sisters' Quarters.

In reply to a question by Sir Henry Pollock as to the meaning of a revised estimate for greater expenditure on the building of a new wing to the original sisters' quarters at Government Civil Hospital, the Director of Public Works said that the original estimate was prepared when sketch plans only were drawn out. Detailed plans had not then been prepared because we did not know then that the work would be gone on with. When the detailed plans were prepared a great many additions, such as verandahs, were added to the original sketch plans.

Departmental Literature.

Arising out of a vote of \$1,500 for newspapers and periodicals,

the Colonial Treasurer, in reply to questions, said that nearly all Government offices were supplied with daily papers and Home papers such as the Civil Service list, technical journals, law reports, medical journals, "The Architect," etc. for the P.W.D.

Mr. Lang's Query.

Another vote provided for the fencing in of Queen's College playing ground.

In reply to a question by the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the Chairman said that it was not proposed to do the same for other football clubs which suffered from people roaming across their grounds.

Launches and Piracy.

The cost of a wireless set and fittings (\$2,800) for No. 2 Police launch was provided for in another vote. It was explained that owing to the increase of piracies even in British waters, the need for wireless on Police cruising launches had become imperative. A convenient opportunity offered for fitting the set on to the launch in question as it was now on the slip. The vote otherwise was to have been asked for next year.

Kowloon Water Needs.

Regarding a vote of \$15,000 in connection with the maintenance of water works in Kowloon, it was explained that provision made in Estimates was \$25,000. Owing to the retrenchment on the recurrent votes in the Estimates for 1926 the amount asked for by the Water Engineer was cut down below the minimum fund necessary for efficient maintenance. The Kowloon system is rapidly growing and spreading over a very large area, requiring therefore increased maintenance while cost of materials and labour has steadily risen. The following are the expenditure for the last three years:—1923, \$27,977; 1924, \$23,563; 1925, \$38,466. The amount placed in the Estimates for 1927 is \$35,000 which the Director of Public Works anticipates will be sufficient owing to various economies that have been effected, such as the introduction of new sand washers, etc. The expenditure to the end of November is approximately \$25,000.

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The Director of Public Works: This is for the provision of water meters. We have had such a large number of applications for meters that our supply was exhausted. These meters are expensive producing, and it was thought well to get them as applications were continually coming in.

The Chairman: As a matter of fact I think you told me that the amount originally estimated as required for maintenance was cut down last year.

The Director of Public Works: That is so.

The Chairman: Consequently I do not think your department is altogether entirely responsible for this large increase.

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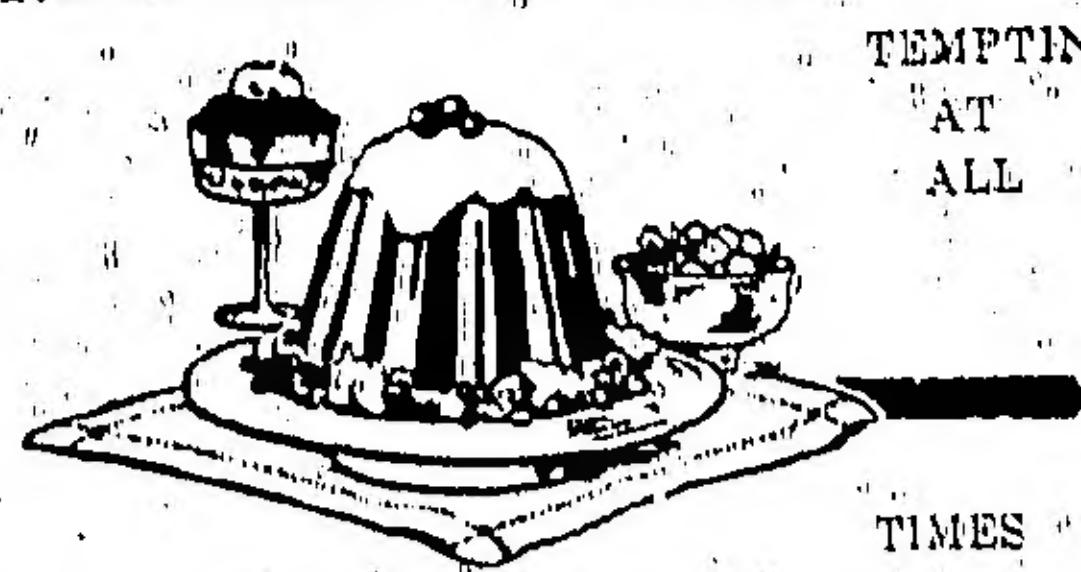
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CHINA POLICY.

Britain Entirely Against Intervention.

GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT.

Safeguarding British Subjects' Lives.

London, Dec. 9. In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Col. Sir Frederick Hall (Conservative), who asked whether Mr. Miles Lampson's pronouncement at Shanghai that there could be no question of British intervention in the internal affairs of China was made on the instructions of the Government, Mr. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the statement was made on the instructions of the Government. Mr. Locker Lampson added that Sir Austen Chamberlain had frequently made it clear that every possible step would be taken to safeguard the lives of British subjects.—Reuter.

China and the Treaties.

Washington, Dec. 9. Addressing a conference on "The Cause and Cure of the War," the Chinese Minister urged that the United States act independently, terminating unequal Extraterritoriality Treaties in China. He added that if the Power did not terminate those treaties China would, for they imposed too great a burden for the successful operation of the Government.—Reuter's American Service.

League Payments Behind.

London, Dec. 9. In the House of Commons replying to Colonel Woodcock Mr. Locker Lampson said that as far as he knew no definite scheme for payment had been submitted by China, Peru and Bolivia for their arrears of contributions to the League of Nations. Part of the Chinese contribution in respect of 1922 had been paid but nothing was received in respect of the 1923—1925 payment or on account of the 1926 contribution. The League received the last payments from Peru in 1920 and from Bolivia in 1923. The League Council is considering steps to recover the money and the question of the continuance of their membership.—Reuter.

THIRTY KILLED.

TERRIBLE INDIANA MINE EXPLOSION.

WORK ONLY JUST BEGUN.

Princeton, Indiana, Dec. 9. Over thirty miners are believed to have been killed a few minutes after starting work through an explosion in the Francisco mine in South-west Indiana. The explosion was due to gas which blew off the top of the air shaft and forced the cage to the top of the mine.—Reuter's American Service.

NIGHT DRIVING.

NEW LAWS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS.

Rugby, Dec. 9. As a preventive against night driving accidents, a new Road Vehicles Bill introduced into Parliament provides for the compulsory use of four front lights on automobiles and limits the range of their beam.—British Wireless Service.

BACK TO NORMAL.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS REPEALED.

London, Dec. 9. The House of Commons to-day agreed to a motion repealing the majority of the emergency regulations, apart from those required to control the export of coal supplies, gas, water and electricity pending the return to normal work.—Reuter.

Lyons, Dec. 9.—The new Chinese Bishops were solemnly received by the Lyons Catholics. This morning the five Bishops, assisted in a great Pontifical holy office under the chairmanship of Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons.—Havas.

WAR DEBTS.

No Cancellation By America.

TREASURY CHIEF'S REPORT.

Europe's Burden Not Too Heavy.

Washington, Dec. 9. The outstanding feature of the Secretary of the Treasury's (Mr. Mellon) report is the impression it gives of the United States' reluctance at present to reconsider any war debt settlements. The report states that 90 per cent. of the total of the obligations held by the United States have been covered by settlements, and "a fair trial can be had, not in theory, but in practice."

The existence of the foreign debt commission terminates on February 9, 1927. The commission has practically completed its work.

The report adds that no debtor nation will deny that the payments arranged for the earlier years of the 62-year period are well within its capacity, while in the eight years since the armistice the American debt has meant practically nothing to Continental Europe, since the settlements, Britain's excepted, have been only recently completed.

Mr. Mellon emphasises that the United States Government has maintained a consistent policy against cancellation. "Statements by President Wilson show that there was no thought of cancellation,"—Reuter's American Service.

SUGAR BEET.

HOME FACTORY PROJECT DROPPED.

London, Dec. 9. The sugar refiners Tate and Lyle have decided to abandon the project of building a sugar beet factory in Yorkshire, on account of the experience gained through the working of the existing factory in Suffolk.

Sir Ernest Lyle at the annual meeting of the firm expressed the conviction that a British sugar beet factory could not hope to exist without a subsidy and the prospect of a decreasing and ultimately ending subsidy would not warrant the large outlay of capital involved in building new factories.—Reuter.

[A London cable last week stated:—The sugar refinery of Tate and Lyle at Plawton, the largest in Britain, employing 2,800 men, has closed down owing to the slump in the sugar trade. A factor in the situation, according to an official of the firm, is the marketing of 150,000 tons of sugar from the subsidised homegrown sugar beet industry.]

ICE JAM BREAKS.

GRAIN CARRIER FLEET RELEASED.

Fort William, Dec. 9. The ice jam between Lakes Superior and Huron has broken, liberating the fleet of grain carriers laden with several million bushels of wheat.—Reuter's American Service.

[A Sault Ste. Marie cable dated December 6 stated:—In a temperature of twelve degrees below zero, 125 of the Great Lake steamers, carrying grain and coal, valued at \$50,000,000, have been locked in the greatest ice blockade in memory. They are threatened with imprisonment during the whole winter, despite the desperate efforts of a giant ice-breaker, aided by every available tug.]

FRANCE'S BUDGET.

PASSED BY CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Paris, Dec. 9. The Chamber of Deputies has passed the Budget for 1927 by 410 to 135 votes and adjourned until December 17. The expenditure amounts to 39,684,408,139 francs and the receipts to 40,099,101,036 francs. Only the Socialists and the Communists voted against the measure.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT.

League of Nations Measures.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Russia And United States Invited.

Geneva, Dec. 9. The League Council has decided to invite the United States and Russia to send representatives to the meeting at Geneva early in the autumn of the special committee on the draft convention on the supervision of the private manufacture of arms.—Reuter.

Britain's Support.

Rugby, Dec. 9. When general international disarmament was discussed by the League Council last night, Sir Austen Chamberlain emphasised the great interest taken by Britain in the work of the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament and the British desire, of which proof had already been given, to lighten the burden of armaments. He appealed to the public not to display impatience at the delay in calling a world conference.

The most important point was that when the Conference did meet it should be successful, and careful preparatory work was therefore essential.

Germany's Position.

An interview between Sir Austen Chamberlain and Herr Schubert, representing Dr. Stresemann who is unwell, was the only conversation on German disarmament held by the statesmen at Geneva yesterday.

Progress is reported in the discussions between the British, French and German jurists on the reservations which Germany had made regarding the League investigation scheme. Meanwhile, statesmen are awaiting the latest information on outstanding points in the disarmament issue, which they have requested from Paris and Berlin, and on the proceedings at to-day's meeting in Paris of the Ambassadors Conference.—British Wireless.

Report to League.

Geneva, Dec. 9. The League Council has adopted a report submitted by M. Deneux, the rapporteur, dealing with arbitration, security and the reduction of armaments. It passed a resolution recommending that member States conclude agreements tending to establish confidence and security, whenever circumstances were favourable. The Council requested a preparatory committee to fix a date for a draft agenda of the Disarmament Conference.—Reuter.

MEXICO INCIDENT.

DIPLOMAT IN STREET BRAWL.

Mexico City, Dec. 9. The representative of a foreign Power was involved in a street brawl as the result of failure to observe signals by a policeman directing traffic.

Senor Pedro Gual, the Spanish Charge d'Affaires, was the motorist concerned, and was pursued by the policeman whom he is alleged to have struck in the face, whereupon bystanders, sympathising with the officer, began to thrash Gual who was recognised and extricated from the melee in the nick of time by Senor Sanz, the Mexican Foreign Minister, who happened to be passing.—Reuter's American Service.

GENEVA UNMOVED.

ITALO-GERMAN TREATY EXPECTED.

Geneva, Dec. 9. There is no surprise here at the reports of the imminence of the signature of an Italian and German treaty of arbitration and friendship, as it has been known for some time that negotiations in this respect have been pending. The treaty is in the spirit and principles of the League and similar treaties with Spain, Switzerland and other countries.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Colonial Committee of the Chamber has approved unanimously, except by one vote, the policy of M. Varenne, the Governor of Indo-China.—Havas.

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